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Company delight at winning top award

A WELSHPOOL company, which came close to going out of business, won a special award at last Friday's Powys Business Awards.

Members of the management team at Floform, once one of the area's biggest employers, refused to accept that they were finished when the precision engineering business went into administration.

They set about convincing their main competitor, Hertfordshire based Dawson Shanahan Ltd, to take a chance and invest in them and their efforts were rewarded by winning the Judges Special Award.

The business restarted as Dawson Shanahan (Wales) Ltd and in three years it has built turnover to £4.3 million and employs 38 people.

Chairman and managing director David Dawson, who said he remortgaged his house and risked everything to buy the business, paid tribute to his team at Welshpool.

"I have been in manufacturing for 40 years and I have never received anything like this," he told the audience at the ceremony.

"I owe everything to the engineers in our Welshpool factory whose innovation, dedication, hard work and enthusiasm are second to none. They are truly amazing and I'm so proud of this award."

Take tour of sewage works

A £3.25 million refurbishment of a sewage works in Welshpool will be unveiled to the public.

Severn Trent Water says it is inviting residents to see what happens after they flush the toilet at an exhibition and tour next week.

The company have brought the town's sewage treatment plant in Henfaes Lane up-to-date with new machinery.

A spokesman said: "Join us at the Smithfield Bell pub, Mill Lane, on Tuesday from 4pm to 7pm to see the exhibition."



Firefighters damping down the blaze. Picture: Peter Shah.

Fire crews battle barns blaze

FIREFIGHTERS continued to damp down a farm fire, which destroyed two barns, more than 24 hours after it started.

About 30 firefighters tackled the blaze at Rhos Farm between Llanidloes and Arddleen which started in the early hours of Monday morning.

The blaze started shortly after 1am and the crews did not leave the scene, close to the A483 road, until Tuesday.

They used water from a nearby canal to tackle the fire.

Two barns were destroyed in the fire and a third building was badly damaged.

A spokesman for Mid and West Wales Fire Service said no-one was injured and the cause of the fire was not yet known.

He said: "Three barns were involved in the fire. One measuring 40 metres by 40 metres was totally destroyed."

"One barn measuring 30 metres by 40 metres was totally destroyed and one measuring 30 metres by 50 metres was 50 per cent destroyed by the fire."

"The barns contained hay, straw and farm machinery. The cause of the fire is not yet known and investigations are still taking place."

Crews from Llanfyllin, Montgomery, Llanfair Caereinion and two from Welshpool were sent to the blaze.

Firm gets unusual order from Uri Geller

A FIRM which specialises in making designs out of metal has received its most unusual order to date – a statue of a gorilla, made from spoons, for famed illusionist, Uri Geller.

British Ironworks of Shropshire is now designing the sculpture for the psychic's London home.

Mr Geller will be picking up the gorilla in person, having agreed to attend a special open day next year.

The famed spoon bender first forged links with the Oswestry-based company when he ordered lamp posts for his home. He was thrilled when managing director, Clive Knowles, delivered them complete with a unique model bent to recognise Mr Geller's famous spoon bending.

Mr Knowles said: "He wanted to know what else we did and when he saw the animal statues he was thrilled. He asked if we could make him a gorilla, putting as many spoons as we could into the design."

"His home backs onto the River Thames and he wants to have the gorilla peering over his garden wall to surprise passers-by."

"We are absolutely delighted by Mr Geller has agreed to come along to our open day on May 17, 2014."

"We hope it is going to be a really community day for people to enjoy."

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Man escapes home blaze

A YOUNG man escaped unhurt after fire broke out in his bedroom on Tuesday night.

Flames could be seen from the rear bedroom of the ground floor flat at Weston Close in Morda, Oswestry, after the blaze broke out at about 8.20pm.

Crews from Oswestry and Chirk brought it under control in 20 minutes. Adrian Bowen, from Oswestry fire station, said: "It is believed the cause of the fire was electrical and investigations are continuing."

FIRMS ARE URGED TO HELP SHAPE FUTURE

BUSINESS chiefs are being challenged by the chairman of Oswestry's Chamber of Commerce to help shape the future of the town.

They are being asked to turn out in force on Wednesday when the chamber is staging the "Oswestry Connection" in association with the Oswestry & Border Chronicle at The Wynnstay Hotel.

Challenging businesses to attend, chamber chairman Heather Noble said: "This is a great opportunity to discover the solutions to some of the business sector's most pressing issues in today's tough trading conditions."

"This event, the first of its kind organised by Oswestry Chamber of Commerce, is aimed at the entire business community and will allow us to prove that we are very much more than grey suits and cold coffee."

"This is a must-attend event for business owners interested in growing and managing their operation more efficiently and effectively through training, marketing, mentoring, motivating staff, finding quality local suppliers or professional business services."

Challenges

"Holding an event like this right in the heart of our town not only makes it extremely accessible to local businesses but provides great opportunities for networking with others who share similar challenges, hopes and successes."

"I can guarantee visitors will walk away with a host of valuable business contacts and plenty of practical tips, tools, insights and offers that will benefit their business from the moment they walk out of the room."

"Add a clutch of great speakers and an overview of the economic health and wellbeing of Oswestry from Mandy Thorn of Marches Care, and you have an unmissable event," said Mrs Noble.

"Oswestry Chamber of Commerce has one

by Graham Breeze

simple goal – to maximise all opportunities to promote and advance Oswestry and district at every level.

"The progressive chamber is keen to positively influence decision making within the town for the well-being of all businesses and the town as a whole."

Mandy Thorn, one of Shropshire most prominent figures in the world of business, will be the keynote speaker.

She is chairman of the Shropshire Business Board and represents Shropshire on the board of the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP).

She also mentors through Business Board run schemes and says of her involvement: "Being able to offer support to local businesses is key in this challenging economic climate."

She is chairman of Shropshire Partners in Care and vice-chairman of the National Care Association and a director of a recently-formed community interest company, Social Enterprise.

The event is from 4pm to 8pm and is free to enter.

See www.oswestrychamber.org.uk/

Teachers' strike boosts attraction



Jo Walker at Park Hall. Picture: Peter Shah.

A CHILDREN'S attraction near Oswestry extended its weekday opening season by one day this week because of the teachers' strikes in English schools.

Park Hall Countryside Attraction in Gobowen was due to go into its winter opening hours on Monday, but directors made the decision to stay open for an extra day so that any children who were not at school would have something to do.

And Martyn Hughes, managing director of the farm park, said the decision had proved to be the right one after dozens of families took advantage of the opportunity to visit.

"It's been very encouraging," he said. "There's been a lot of happy faces. It's been well received by all."

"We've had about 150 visitors in the morning and more in the afternoon. Quite a few were season ticket holders taking advantage of an opportunity."

Mr Hughes said some parents had had to keep the visit a secret from siblings who were unaffected by the teachers' strikes.

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Family thanks bikers for tribute at funeral

FAMILY and friends of a man who died in a motorcycle accident have praised his 'biker' friends and others who took part in a cavalcade tribute at his funeral.

More than 50 motorcycles and 20 cars travelled from The Pedigree in Oswestry, around parts of the town that played a large part in the life of Steve Conde, then on to Pen-trebychan Crematorium at Wrexham where approximately 400 people attended his funeral.

Mr Conde, 46, who ran his own joinery business, died when his Aprilia Shiver GT 750 motorbike collided with a van on the A49 at Dorrington on August Bank Holiday Monday.

Airlifted

He was airlifted to the University Hospital North Staffordshire in Stoke but died shortly after arriving.

His family including his wife Steph Conde, children Rachel, 18, and Matthew, 15, and his girlfriend Jane and her children have paid tribute to Mr Conde.

Mrs Conde said although she and Mr Conde were separated, they had remained friends.

She said Mr Conde had owned a motorbike all his adult life and had been secretary of a local motorcycle club, the Drunken Donkeys which organised charity runs to take presents to children in hospital.

She said: "He had a motorbike accident in 1990 and broke two vertebrae

which meant he could not work for six months."

Mrs Conde said Mr Conde had been well-liked and thought of by his customers, workmates, bosses and suppliers and said nothing was too much trouble for him.

"He was proud of the children and their achievements, he loved rock music and concerts, going to Download at Donington Park with Rachel this year."

"We would all like to say a huge thank you to every single person who came to pay their respects and support us through this awful time and say how wonderful it was, despite our sadness, to see such an outpouring of love and respect for Steve. It was a fitting send off for such a gentleman."

Donations made in Mr Conde's memory will go to the Midlands Air Ambulance.

Mrs Conde added: "Rachel and Matthew have a jar of loose change from Steve's home that they have counted."

"They would like to add that £27 to the donation."

Group to host autumn fair

THE Knit and Natter group which meets in Weston Rhyn near Oswestry will be holding an autumn fair on October 26 to raise funds for the Village Institute.

Members of the Knit and Natter group will be selling homemade craft items from tapestries, cards and jewellery to jams, preserves and cakes. There will also be a tombola, refreshments and book stall. The fair will take place at 1.30pm. Funds raised at the fair will go towards repairs at the Institute. Items to sell can be given to group members or call (01691) 777419.

by Sue Austin



The cavalcade of motorcycles in honour of Steve Conde.



Motorbikes approaching the crematorium.



Much-loved - Steve Conde.

Planning request in power lines bid

THE next step has been taken towards a £13 million overhead power line near Oswestry.

A planning application has been lodged to bury or divert a section of the current line to make way for the construction of a new 132kv overhead line between Oswestry and the Legacy power station near Wrexham.

Permission for the line was given to SP Manweb earlier this year after a three-week public inquiry in 2012.

The go-ahead was given despite fears from councils on both sides of the border that the line would be detrimental to the countryside and tourism.

The energy company is now moving forward and has submitted an application to Shropshire Council planners to underground or divert a section of the existing 33kv line at Lower House Farm, Pen-y-Bryn, St Martins.

In a letter to the council SP Manweb asks the council to indicate that it has no objection to the work.

However, representatives of Wrexham Council, Chirk Town Council and St Martins Parish Council gave evidence against the plans.

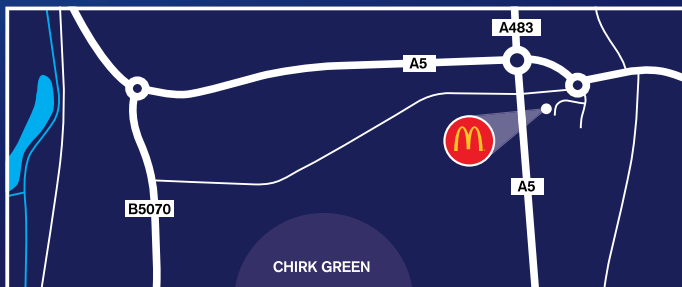
They told planning inspector Emyr Jones that they wanted all or part of the line to be buried.

Road closed for gas supply works

A ROAD in a village near Oswestry was closed for three days this week while a new gas supply was laid.

Traffic was being diverted around Old Chirk Road in Weston Rhyn from Tuesday until today (Thursday) affecting the stretch of road from the junction with Station Road to the junction with Vicarage Lane.

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Elderly to get advice on safety at home

OLDER residents of Oswestry will be given advice to help them stay safe in their homes and manage household affairs at an information day.

The senior safety information day has been organised by Shropshire Rural Community Council with support from Shropshire Council and will take place on Wednesday.

During the day there will be short talks from Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service, West Mercia Police, and the falls prevention team at Shropshire RCC.

The free event will take place at Hope Church in Laburnum Drive, Oswestry, and will run from 10am to 2pm. A light lunch will be included and transport can be arranged.

An exhibition will be set up in the church for visitors to look through, and there will be experts on hand to give advice on money issues including benefits, pensions and fuel poverty, support for unpaid carers, the Senior Citizens' Forum, Mears Handyman service, Marches Energy Agency, Chums befriending service and Health Watch.

Places at the event should be booked in advance by calling Shropshire RCC on (01743) 342162.

Free event for hard of hearing

A FREE event for people who wear NHS hearing aids will be held in Oswestry.

The effective hearing programme, run by Shropshire Rural Community Council, is a one-day course on November 26 at Oswestry Library, from 10am-4pm.

To register for a place call (01743) 342168 or e-mail jackie.elliott@shropshire-rcc.org.uk

Superfast broadband for towns and villages by 2015

TOWNS and villages across Mid Wales are set to receive superfast broadband by the end of 2015, it has been revealed.

Towns including Welshpool, Montgomery and Newtown and the surrounding areas are expected to be linked up in the next two years under the Superfast Cymru scheme.

The UK Government has invested £57 million pounds in the project which will deliver fibre-based broadband to 96 per cent of homes and businesses in Wales by the end of 2015.

Work is due to start on the roll-out in September 2014 in Welshpool and Newtown, which will be followed in December 2014 by Tregynon, Caersws, Kerry, Trefeglwys, Llanidloes and Llangurig.

Finally, the broadband will be rolled out in Berriew, Abermule, Montgomery, Forden, Trewern, Guilsfield, Meifod, Llanfair Caereinion, Churchstoke and Carno from March 2015. David Jones, the Westminster Government's secretary of state for Wales, said: "This government is putting the provision of reliable high-speed internet at the heart of its economic growth agenda."

Council in call for equality in cuts to budget

MEMBERS of a small town council have called for equality when borough councillors make budget cuts.

Chirk Town Council has been told it will have to face a reduction in services run by Wrexham County Borough Council as a result of the changes.

But at a meeting of the town council councillors claimed the cuts were unfair as their money was being used to pay for services in Wrexham town which were of no benefit to their residents.

Lawrence Isted, head of community well-being and development at Wrexham CBC, said £34million has to be cut from its budget in the next five years.

He said: "This requires a rather draconian savaging of our services. We are stuck between a rock and a hard place. Certain areas, such as the £130million provided for social services, can't be touched."

"We have to think about what do we do about the budget for discretionary services? In your area that is about play spaces and community centres."

"There are really three options available to keep the services: you pay us to run these services, you or take them on, or some social enterprise in your area takes them on."

But Councillor Jacqueline Allen said any cuts made would affect smaller rural parishes more than those near the towns, making it more difficult to take on responsibility for services.

"Councils round the town centre are not contributing to the same level as we are out in the sticks and that is totally unfair."

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Economy
"We know that the internet is a fundamental part of our economy and we need to ensure that the whole of Wales has a broadband network fit for the digital age."

"By 2015 we will have achieved a truly remarkable transformation in broadband provision in Wales. Speeds will be dramatically faster and both fixed and mobile superfast broadband will be widespread. We will have transformed connectivity in the majority of Welsh rural communities."

"This project is a prime example of how money from the UK Government can be combined with other funding to deliver for the people of Wales. It is this combination of firepower that will deliver the infrastructure investments and improvements that Wales so desperately needs."

The scheme was launched by the Welsh Assembly and BT in July last year and aims to take fibre broadband to 96 per cent of homes and businesses in Wales by the end of spring 2016.

Police arrange surgery dates to meet public

POLICE have set the dates for PACT surgeries for the rest of the year.

There are meetings at Oswestry Library on October 9 and November 13, at 11am.

Oswestry Rural South November 11 in the lay-by opposite Dolgoch; December 4 outside Knockin village hall, all at 7pm; October 25 at Gobowen Community Centre, at 11am, St Martins Community Centre at 4pm and Weston Rhyn Institute at 5pm.

Iron Man success aids charity



David Williams completes the first stage.

THE technical manager of a Welshpool-based waste management company has completed the Iron Man Wales event for charity.

David Williams, of Potters Waste Management, took on the gruelling event in the Tenby area to raise money for The Severn Hospice at Shrewsbury after a work colleague's mother was treated at the centre.

After months of training on the roads in the Welshpool area the 46-year-old from Leighton, near Welshpool, completed the event with just 45 minutes to spare.

Organisers set entrants a 17-hour target to complete the 2.4-mile swim, 112-mile cycle ride and 26-mile marathon and David crossed the finishing line after 16 hours and 15 minutes.

"There was a 2.4-mile swim in the sea at Tenby, from this I got on my bike and com-

pleted a 112-mile bike ride," said David. "Then after the bike ride I went for a run, four laps of a course in and around Tenby which added up to a marathon distance of 26.2 miles."

"There was a time limit of 17 hours for the event, and my aim was to complete everything in that time. I managed it with 45 minutes to spare."

"It was a long day. I had completed shorter triathlons in the past but this was by far my biggest challenge."

"I am raising money for the work that is done by Severn Hospice in Shrewsbury. They provide some amazing care for people."

Anybody wishing to support the cause with sponsorship can visit the site www.justgiving.com/David-Williams70 e-mail david@potters.co.uk

NEWS in brief

Walk dates raise £1,300 for charity

MORE than £1,300 has been raised for charity through a series of walks held by Montgomeryshire MP Glyn Davies.

Mr Davies said dozens of people took part in the series of Memory Walks which was supported by Montgomeryshire AM Russell George and Powys county councillors Michael Williams, Peter Lewis and Graham Jones.

Walks were held in Welshpool, Llanfyllin, Llanidloes, Newtown, Machynlleth and Llanidloes and all proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Society.

Mr Davies said: "Alzheimer's Society is a fantastic cause and I was very pleased by the numbers of people supporting and walking in each of the Memory Walks."

"Almost everyone is affected by Alzheimer's disease at some point in their life, either personally or through a loved one. This was clear to see given the turnout and the generosity of people."

"I would like to personally thank all involved for the fantastic support in making these walks such a success."

Association to run Christmas fair date

OSWESTRY Rheumatology Association will be holding a craft and Christmas fair on October 19.

The association – a branch of the League of Friends to the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital – will be staging the event at Oswestry Memorial Hall from 10am to 2pm.

A wide range of Christmas gifts will be on sale. Refreshments will be available and admission is free.

The League's Tanat Valley branch will be holding a fashion show at Llanrhaeadr Village Hall on October 11 from 7pm to 9.30pm. Tickets cost £8, available on the door.

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 Lisa Ingram, Gemma Lloyd and Helen Hughes get ready for the opening of a new travel agency in Oswestry.
Picture: Peter Shah.

New travel agency is opening in town

ANOTHER empty shop is being reopened in Oswestry town centre.

Helen Hughes will launch her new independent travel agency, Polkadot Travel, on October 11 at premises in Bailey Street.

A travel agent for 13 years, Miss Hughes has worked for several of the national agencies.

She said she was delighted to now be opening her own agency.

"It is really exciting, we are currently putting the finish-

ing touches to the building. I have employed another travel agent who has 20 years experience in the industry and we are looking forward to welcoming customers who are looking for all types of holiday."

Miss Hughes said while many people were now turning to the internet for booking holidays, they did not realise that independent travel agencies were able to match its prices while still having the peace of mind of ABTA cover.

Gospel choir may be silenced unless new director is found

by Pam Griffin

A COMMUNITY gospel choir is facing an uncertain future after being left without a musical director.

Members of Joyful Noise have warned unless they find a new one they will be unable to perform, and will be forced to close.

It comes after the choir's previous musical director Ruth Browning moved away from the area.

The choir was formed in Oswestry three years ago, and has performed several concerts in the town and surrounding areas. It has about 32 members.

Choir member Jackie Moore said: "In June our musical director Ruth Browning moved to Worcester with her husband and so the choir took an early summer break.

"We now have no-one to lead us and we are now looking for a new MD so that we can continue to enjoy singing together and presenting our songs to friends, family and wider audiences.

"We are passionate that Joyful Noise should continue, and are hoping to find someone who is willing and able to lead us."

The choir's repertoire includes California Dreaming by the Mamas and Papas, Some-

thing Inside So Strong by Labi Siffre, I will Follow Him from the film Sister Act, traditional gospel songs such as Soon and Very Soon, and Christmas favourites including Silent Night.

Jackie said: "The initial aim of the choir was to be able to sing a few songs at the Christmas concert Cabin Lane Church would be holding in 2010.

Enjoyed

"As it turned out the concert was a success and this was quickly followed by another appearance at the Christingle service a few days later.

"Since then the choir has gone from strength to strength with more members

joining and performances having taken place. We would be very sad to see the choir fold, as it is enjoyed by many and provides a great opportunity to make links with members of the local community."

The choir has now performed at a variety of venues, from church halls to the bandstand in Cae Glas Park in the centre of Oswestry.

Normally, the choir meets to practice on Tuesdays from 7pm to 8pm at the Whole Life Christian Centre in Cabin Lane.

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Council windfall pledge if housing built in rural area

OSWESTRY Rural Parish will benefit from more than £60,000 of windfall money if all the approved plans for housing in the area are built.

Developers now have to pay £80 a square metre community infrastructure levy for houses built in rural areas and £40 a square metre for homes built in urban areas.

At a meeting of Oswestry Rural Parish Council in Rhydycroesau last week Mr Adrian Cooper from Shropshire Council explained how the levy would be shared out.

"It is a form of development tax," he said. Previously only very large housing developments contributed funding.

by Sue Austin

Projects plan for tramway's works team

ENTHUSIASTS who are hoping to restore an ancient tramway near Chirk have pledged to carry out a number of environmental projects.

Members of the Glyn Valley Tramway Trust have been given £300 of National Garden Centre vouchers by Keep Wales Tidy. They have pledged to use the vouchers to improve the area alongside the planned route of the track while the line is restored.

The trust is hoping to recreate the tramway which ran through Chirk and the Ceiriog Valley a century ago.

David Carter, chairman of Glyn Valley Tramway Trust, said: "Thanks to the Keep Wales Tidy garden centre voucher scheme we are now able to buy woodland management tools to assist in the restoration and upkeep of the Glyn Valley Tramway."

Mr Cooper said: "This is a way for all development to contribute to the infrastructure of the area in which they are built. The only exception is for affordable housing, which is excluded."

He said an average house was 100 square metres, which would bring in £8,000 if built in the country or £4,000 in urban areas.

"Of that money five per cent is kept by Shropshire council for administration and 15 per cent goes directly to the parish council in which the development is situated."

Priority

"Shropshire is unique in that, of the remaining funds, 90 per cent is put aside for use on local projects that are in the local plan and that are a local priority. Once the parish council draws down that money it must be used within five years. The remaining 10 per cent is kept for strategic projects."

He said that Shropshire Council was now awaiting £10,500 from development now under way. "If all the building takes place that has been granted planning permission that will mean another £50,000 of community infrastructure levy," he said.

Councillor Paul Milner asked about the development at The Cottams at Morda. Mr Cooper said that because of a boundary anomaly, although the development was viewed as urban and so would only bring in £40 a square metre, the 15 per cent of funding would go to Oswestry Rural Parish Council.

Car boot sales proves a hit



Busy fundraising was Amy Johnson from the Open Door Family Centre.

HUNDREDS of people flocked to a car boot sale at a supermarket in Welshpool.

Tesco held the car boot sale on Sunday, raising £182.48 for the supermarket's charity of the year, Diabetes UK.

A host of items were on offer, including clothes, computer games and electronic goods while there was also fun activities for the family.

Bryony Jo Wesson, who works at the store and is one of the organisers, said she was delighted with the turn out.

She said: "We raised a fantastic £182.48 for our charity of the year, Diabetes UK, at the car boot sale and Tesco and I would like to thank everybody who came along."

"It was very successful with lovely weather and we had lots of people coming down both to have stalls and also to pick up some bargains."

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Classic bike show boosts charity



Visitors taking a look at the motorbikes on show.



Pete Arkinstall with his 1928 Austin 12.



Stuart Tanner with his chassis-based 1957 Ford Popular which featured in Dr Who.



Joe Priestley with his ex-army Norton from World War Two.

A VILLAGE motorcycle show on the Shropshire/Powys border raised around £4,000 for local organisations on Sunday.

The third annual Forden Classic Bikes Show attracted enthusiasts from all across the country to the event held at the village recreation centre.

And after being launched as purely a bike

by Graham Breeze

show in 2010 by Forden Primary School's parent teachers association it now attracts vintage cars and tractors as well.

"I came up with the idea to help raise funds for the school and it has snowballed," said organiser Richard Jones.

"My wife Sarah and I had two children in

the school at the time and the parent teachers group were looking for money.

"I don't think any of us thought at the time what this could grow into but I had seen other successful bike shows being organised and the Forden event is now firmly on the calendar for enthusiasts. I couldn't believe how many people turned out on Sunday. At one stage I counted over 500 bikes on the car park with people coming from as far as London."

In 2010 the first show raised £1,800 for the school, last year the figure rose to £3,000 with other organisations benefitting as well and this year Mr Jones says there will be around £4,000.

"We will be distributing the money to the school, the village playgroup, the Wales Air Ambulance and Forden Allotment Society, whose members helped out by organising parking," he said.

One of the biggest attractions this year saw showgoers offered virtual helicopter flights. "A friend of mine owns the system and there were queues of people wanting a go. The children were particularly excited," said Mr Jones.

"This has become an event which the village of Forden can be really proud of and I have every confidence that it will be bigger and better next year."



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Rotarians collecting Christmas gift boxes

CHILDREN are being invited to send Christmas gifts to disadvantaged children in eastern Europe through a shoebox scheme.

Borderland Rotary will be participating in the Rotary Shoebox Scheme for the fifth year running, and will be visiting primary schools around Oswestry during October to ask pupils to join in.

Shoeboxes are filled with toys, stationary, toiletries and winter woollies and are then given out by charity workers across eastern Europe.

Judy Bristol, who is organising the collection for Borderland Rotary, said: "I will be going round primary schools in Oswestry in October to tell the pupils about the scheme so we will be once again sending hundreds of boxes of gifts to eastern European children."

Boxes can be filled with toys, colouring books, felt tip pens, Lego, yoyos and bubble mix. Boxes for teenagers can contain make-up, toiletries, sportswear, a scarf, gloves, writing materials, deodorant, combs, mirrors or football memorabilia.

Boxes for the elderly can be filled with household goods, soap, toothpaste and brushes, envelopes, letter paper and pens. No edible or electric items can be sent.

Contact Judy Bristol on (01691) 655432.

Hospital success over reducing waiting time for complex ops

ONLY three patients have been waiting for more than a year for treatment at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, bosses have revealed.

And all three began their treatment by the end of September at the hospital as staff work to reduce waiting times.

Members of the hospital's trust board welcomed the improvements at their meeting last Thursday.

Trust board chief executive Wendy Farrington Chadd said: "We continue to make good progress with the longer waiters. We need to state some very complex patients who have

by Pam Griffin

Parish council is looking to recruit services of a clerk

A PARISH council is looking for a new clerk due to the present one retiring.

Clerk Sue Crow, who is also the responsible financial officer for St Martins Parish Council, will be retiring next spring and the council would like to appoint a new clerk in January to allow time for a handover period before Mrs Crow leaves.

Applicants should be either CiLCA qualified or prepared to study toward this, which the parish council will support, and candidates must be computer literate and have internet access.

Ideally they should have previous experience working as a parish clerk or have knowledge of local government, although training can be provided.

The salary is based on 17 hours per week, which includes attendance at the parish council meetings. Applications should be submitted by October 26. Call Councillor Helen Williams on (01691) 777561.

been waiting a long time has put pressures on resources. I think that's something we did expect to happen and we recognise that as a one-off feature of trying to get us back on track."

At the start of July an investigation was launched by NHS regulator Monitor into missed waiting time targets over concerns some patients were not getting surgery within the 18-week target.

Eliminate

The longest-waiting patients had been on waiting lists for more than a year as they needed complex spinal surgery which they wanted to undergo at the specialist hospital in Gobowen. Val Doyle, director of operations, said the final three of these patients would be now undergoing their treatment within the next week.

"We are on track to eliminate the 52-week wait patients by the end of September," she said. "That's quite a good drop in waiting times. Overall, 98.08 per cent of patients wait less than 18 weeks to start their treatment."

In the year from March 2012 to March 2013, the hospital trust treated 15,478 in patients and day cases, and saw 128,193 out patients.

Board member Richard Clarke said: "This is an excellent achievement. It's been a difficult road and I am sure there's been a lot of pressure and hard work going into this achievement."

MP praises firm's bike scheme



Clive Knight, MD of the British Ironworks Centre, left, with Amanda Fitton, business development officer and Owen Paterson MP.

ENVIRONMENT Secretary Owen Paterson has praised the efforts of an Oswestry based firm which is encouraging its staff to leave their cars at home and travel to work on a company bicycle.

Mr Paterson hailed the work by the British Ironworks Centre at Aston, on the A5 on the outskirts of Oswestry, during a visit last Friday.

Company bosses have invested in a small fleet of cycles to lend to its employees.

Managing director Clive Knowles said he and staff had wanted to do something that would benefit both the environment and staff.

"We are about three miles out of Oswestry and the vast majority of our employees live locally."

"They can borrow a bicycle keep fit and healthy and help the local environment at the same time."

Mr Paterson said: "It is a great idea and gives staff the chance to enjoy getting into work."

"It is also cutting down on the use of fuel so helping the environment."

Gallery is ready for autumn sessions

THE Willow Gallery in Oswestry has finalised its autumn programme of courses and workshops, including one day and evening classes for adults and children.

Courses include stained glass, felt making, pastels, oil painting and printmaking.

Following the success of their summer children's workshops, the gallery will be running a series of Young Artists after-school workshops, allowing children to have fun exploring a variety of artistic techniques with projects ranging from book making to sculpture.

The workshops are for children ages six to 12 and cost £6 per session to include all materials, or £30 for six sessions. They will run every Tuesday from 4-5.30pm.

To book a place on a course or for more information contact the gallery in Willow Street on (01691) 657575 or visit www.willowartgallery.co.uk

Quiz night fun

A QUIZ will be held on October 19 at 7.30pm at the Unicorn Pub, Unicorn Road, Oswestry. Entry is £10 per team of up to six people and all money raised will be donated to Hope House Children's Hospice. All are welcome.

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Town business community urged to join event

OSWESTRY'S business community is being challenged to turn out in their droves on Wednesday.

The town's Chamber of Commerce is staging its first ever "Oswestry Connection" event in association with this newspaper and chairman Heather Noble wants the business community to back the event.

She this week challenged every business in the Oswestry area to visit Wednesday night's event at The Wynnstay Hotel when companies will be exhibiting and guest speakers will be offering words of wisdom.

This promises to be a great opportunity for businesses to learn, share ideas, hear from successful companies and network.

It's also a real chance for businesses to gain an insight into the work being done by the chamber. In Heather's words the event will "prove the chamber is very much more than grey suits and cold coffee."

The Oswestry chamber has been reinvented over the last three years and is now

BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

with Graham Breeze



a vibrant organisation, run by enthusiastic business-minded people and without personal agendas. I strongly advise everyone to go along on Wednesday. The chamber is looking for new businesses to broaden the membership base. You might be pleasantly surprised at what you find.

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SOMETHING which really pleased me this week was news that a Welshpool company has won a special award at last Friday's Powys Business Awards. Members of the management team at Floform, once one

of the area's biggest employers, refused to accept that they were finished when the precision engineering business went into administration.

They persuaded their main competitor, Hertfordshire based Dawson Shanahan Ltd, to take a chance and invest in them and their efforts were rewarded by winning the Judges Special Award.

Floform was once one of Welshpool's biggest employers - I even had an interview there on leaving school before deciding that journalism was my preferred route.

So it's hats off this week to the management team for fighting for the company and to the new owners for recognising the potential was still there. Not to mention the judges for identifying the tenacity and doggedness of those involved to resurrect their livelihood and become the phoenix of a company that had died."

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WAS there much sympathy for the teach-

ers in England who went on strike on Tuesday over pay, pensions and working conditions? I doubt it.

There was probably plenty of disdain rather than support from the majority of the thousands of parents whose lives were turned upside down for the day.

Striking very rarely leads to a successful conclusion in my experience. I once spent six penniless weeks on strike as a member of the National Union of Journalists without even gaining the support of our colleagues in the printing unions.

There is no doubt that, like most other jobs, the teaching profession is not what it was. Wild horses couldn't drag me into the classroom.

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FINALLY a word for all the Manchester United fans who have taken pleasure in poking fun at us long suffering Wolves supporters. The funniest thing this week was being told that United were now to be called Port Talbot - because they can be found between Swansea and Cardiff. What goes around comes around!

College unveils £100,000 kitchen to budding chefs



Busy cooking at the new kitchen at Walford College, are Emma Smethurst and Learning Support Assistant Elizabeth Skidmore. Pictures: Peter Flemmich.

BUDDING Jamie Oliver and Nigella Lawsons have picked up their utensils and fired up the stoves in a new £100,000 kitchen and restaurant.

Walford and North Shropshire College has opened its new catering facilities at its Oswestry campus.

The new facilities were installed during the summer and include a specialist teaching kitchen and a training restaurant which will be open to the public from mid-October.

Course tutor Dan Tompson said the stu-

dents had been thrilled to get to work in the new facilities.

He said: "We've had a good start to the course. We've got 16 students and there is a genuine excitement and enthusiasm about being involved in the newest restaurant in Oswestry."

"The group is a mix of level 1 and level 2 students, all studying professional cookery."

The college is offering courses ranging from entry level to level 3 professional food cookery, and hospitality and catering, and



Students Drew Morris, Richard Sargeant, Emma Jones and Chloe Mates.

will offer apprenticeship training in connection with local businesses.

As part of their studies, the students will be working in their own restaurant, spending shifts in the kitchen and serving customers to give an all-round view of how the business works.

Unusual

Mr Tompson said: "We'll be opening our restaurant on October 17 with Marcus Bean from the New Inn at Baschurch coming, and then the public will be able to come in on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for lunch."

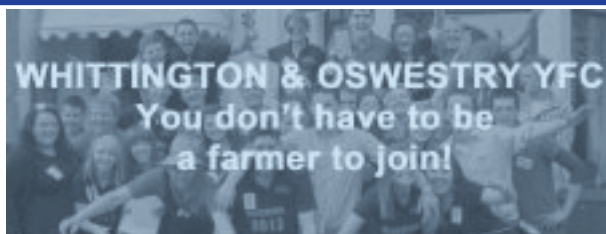
"The kitchen we've got is quite unusual because it's open plan and you can see in

from the restaurant. It makes it quite interesting because you'll be able to see your lunch being prepared."

Paul May, deputy principal of the college, said: "We have seen a steady increase in interest in our hospitality and catering provision in recent years, with demand far outstripping the capacity of our current facilities."

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At least there are restrictions on the cc of bike you can ride when you first take to the road until you gain experience.

Where are the restrictions on 17-year-olds who can jump into any car and cause carnage.

Take off the blinkers, our roads are dangerous places for everyone.

In my experience bikers are the gentlemen and ladies of our highways.

LIZ ALLEN
Welsphool

Cancer link to red meat

PROCESSED red meat products – such as bacon, sausages and ham – have been scientifically proven to increase the risk of developing bowel cancer, the second most lethal form of the disease in the UK.

Yet, despite this being acknowledged by the World Health Organisation, the World Cancer Research Fund and even the UK's Department of Health, little has been done to warn the public of the danger.

Animal Aid is launching a new campaign to help protect people from these carcinogenic products, and also – of course – protect animals from slaughter.

Anyone who would like to find out more about the link between processed red meat and bowel cancer or would like information on going meat-free should contact Animal Aid on 01732 364546 or email info@animalaid.org.uk

BEN MARTIN
Animal Aid



In recent weeks we've told the story of how in both 2001 and 2005 girls from the Marches School, Oswestry, went on netball and work experience trips to Barbados, after much fundraising. But we didn't carry a photo of Anne Cielecki, the PE and dance teacher – she's now retired and living in Llanrhadeir – who organised the trips. So here she is, on the 2005 trip, on the left, with a representative of the sports council in Barbados.

Music can bring us happiness

YOU don't often hear folk singing or whistling these days. Are we all so worried and hurried? "Don't sing, you'll make it rain" is a common saying, but a foolish one. It's the Devil's lie. He doesn't want us to be happy.

Music and singing brings sunshine and cheer to the soul – the Devil's mission is to spread misery and strife.

He is delighted when he can get hold of a character who creates acrimony and infighting. Full scale war is his ultimate aim. Syrian president Assad is his star performer at present.

Fortunately there is someone who is more powerful and pours love and peace on all who trust him. Jesus promises to fill our hearts with inexpressible joy.

RON JONES
Oswestry

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Navy veterans can look up old mates

SINCE my recent letter about the HMS Collingwood Association was kindly printed, the response has been terrific, but I have also received many requests for a bit more help: They say: "Mike I saw your letter about HMS Collingwood and I did my training there, but I am looking for my mates from the Electrical Mess of HMS Rusty Bucket in the Far East in the 70s" and so on.

Well, they need look no further than the Royal Naval Electrical Branch Association, where a specialist member of the committee, is collating all of the HM Ships the members served on and their dates. See: www.rneba.org.uk
Contact Brian Joy, 237a Tithe Farm Court, Alexandra Avenue, Harrow, Middlesex, HA2 9DN, or e-mail navy.bj3@gmail.com – and please mention this newspaper.
MIKE CROWE, Isle of Wight

Meeting did nothing to reassure us

IF the Shropshire Council budget consultation meeting was intended to reassure us that we weren't on the *Titanic*, it fell a little short.

I only found out about the meeting that day, so it's not surprising only 17 people turned up.

What we heard was a mixture of platitudes and contradictions. Leader Keith Barrow was quick to stress the need to save £80 million but struggled to grasp how reducing our council tax made the problem bigger. The chief executive was unable, or unwilling, to identify a service to be cut.

Instead we were treated to anecdotes and lots of business talk about 'customers' but no detailed figures, plans or proposals.

CLIF DUNCAN KERR
Oswestry

AS millions of children should be going back to class at the start of the new school year in Syria, too many are witnessing horrific violence and are losing loved ones, their homes, and their chance of an education.

More than four million Syrian children are now in need of our help in what is the largest humanitarian operation in history.

Behind the numbers are real children whose futures are hanging in the balance.

I recently visited Domiz camp for Syrian refugees in Northern Iraq, where I heard stories of unimaginable loss.

One baby boy had been shot through his father's arms as he rushed him to safety. A refugee girl, Hadija, had been out of school for more than two years and had forgotten how to read.

Others were so affected by the horror they had seen, they could no longer sleep at night.

UNICEF is working around the clock in Syria and Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey, Iraq and Egypt, providing safe water, vaccines, education, and psychological support. We have courageous staff on the ground trying to reach as many children as they can, but there is still so much to do.

I urge you to think of Syria's children and do something to help mend their shattered childhoods.

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JON SPARKES,
UNICEF UK

Adoring fans love Charlie

CHARLIE Landsborough is appearing in concert at Theatre Severn Shrewsbury, on Wednesday, October 16.

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Q: I am a partner in an accountancy practice where one partner has been underperforming. The situation has gone unaddressed because others thought it easier to just retire him in two years when he reaches 65. My concern is whether the same age discrimination rules apply to partners as they do to employees in respect of retirement age?

A: The law does not always recognise the difference in status between an employee and partner, treating both as 'workers'. Therefore a partner could bring an age discrimination claim against the practice as there is no longer a default or normal retirement age.

A recent similar case involving a solicitor went from the Employment Tribunal to the Supreme Court and back again. The solicitor, a partner in a law firm, was made to retire at the end of the year in which he turned 65. The Employment Tribunal felt the retirement age of 65 was objectively justified but the solicitor appealed. The Supreme Court held that the law firm did have legitimate aims in imposing a retirement age but these must be "social policy objectives" rather than just an age convenient for the firm.

The Supreme Court put the case back into Employment Tribunal to decide whether these social policy objectives were made out by making the solicitor retire at 65 rather than, say, 68 or 70. The retirement age was justified because it reasonably facilitated partnership succession, which balanced the needs of the firm, the partners and the aspiring solicitors.

As the justification of any mandatory retirement age will be fact specific, it would be unwise to rely on this case as legal authority for the forced retirement of your partner. You should consult an employment law specialist if you are considering this course of action. Alternatively you could raise your performance concerns with the individual in question.

Further information relating to this question is available from Nicholas Kennan, a Solicitor Advocate with GHP Legal.

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A special offer for night of mystery

MURDER and Mystery comes to The Royal Oak in Welshpool on October 26 and tickets have gone on sale with a special offer if bought before Sunday.

The next Murder Mystery night, called Careless Talk, is set during World War II and centres around the jaded and faded stars of ENSA, who have just returned from entertaining our boys at the front line.

But don't be fooled by the smiles, and camaraderie and wit of this concert party – someone has murder on their mind.

The Royal Oak is running a special offer on tickets bought by Sunday of 10 per cent off ticket price and if someone books a table of eight people they will also receive two complimentary bottles of house wine.

Dress code is Anything from Dad's Army to the Dambusters, Land Army to Lilly Marlene or "anything you can get cheap on the black market".

Up to the limit

RESIDENTS living on Little Henfaes Lane in Welshpool will be told to "slow down" in their cars after increasing complaints of speeding.

The town council has vowed to support the complainants, with all residents to receive a letter reminding them of the speed limits.

People urged to have a say on street revamp in town

RESIDENTS and businesses in Welshpool are being urged to have their say on work designed to improve regeneration in the town.

Powys County Council said its improvements to New Street and Llyndu Terrace were designed to improve access between the Berriew Street car park and the town centre in a bid to attract more shoppers.

Both New Street and Llyndu Terrace were re-laid earlier this year and now the council wants people to attend an exhibition on Wednesday at the town's Evangelical Church in New Street between 2pm and 4pm to see if the changes have worked.

by **Graham Breeze**

Lunch lectures held at castle

A SERIES of lecture lunches has begun at Powis Castle covering a variety of topics.

The events will be held in the Courtyard Restaurant at Powis Castle, near Welshpool, and will be staged on the first Tuesday of every month and started this week.

To kick off the new programme, experts from the RSPB talked about the history of Lake Vyrnwy.

Ruth Scutter, assistant visitor services manager at Powis Castle, said: "This was a great opportunity for people to learn more about such an iconic local landmark."

The next lecture lunch is on November 5 when visitors can join Jonathan Worton, a historian and researcher from the University of Chester.

He will speak about the area's local history at the time of the English Civil Wars.

Then on December 3 Edwin Van Hulzen, one of Powis Castle's gardeners will reveal some of the secrets of the garden's world famous herbaceous borders.

Councillor Rosemarie Harris, cabinet member for regeneration, said the council is pleased with how the streets look and hoped it had already helped businesses attract more customers.

She said: "We are really pleased with the works within Welshpool as part of this programme. The streets have been sympathetically improved whilst keeping their historic value. Along with our partners, we are keen to hear the views of the public on these improvements."

Display

"Information about the improvements will be on display during the event for you to discuss with officers and response forms will also be made available for you to make your feedback."

She added: "The exhibition event will allow people to discuss the improvements to New Street and Llyndu Terrace, which provide access between Berriew Street Car Park and the town centre. The drop-in session is being held at Welshpool's Evangelical Church, New Street."

"The improvements have been made possible under the environmental enhancement element of the Severn Valley Regeneration Programme, which is funded by the European Regional Development Fund, the Welsh Government and Powys County Council."

If you can't attend you can access the form at www.powys.gov.uk/haveyoursay

Second steam mural unveiled



Alan Crowe takes a look at the mural outside Welshpool Library. Picture: Peter Shah.

A SECOND mural showing steam trains passing through a Mid Wales town has been unveiled.

Shropshire artist Anna Roberts has been working on two designs depicting the Welshpool and Llanfair Light Railway which once passed through Welshpool town centre.

The project was the dream of Welshpool resident Alan Crowe who has raised funds himself and often runs tours through the town showing where the train line once lay.

Mr Crowe recruited Ms Roberts for the

project after seeing a train mural of the Cambrian Railways which she had created in Oswestry two years ago.

She had already completed work on the first mural on the end wall of Derek's Place in Church Street and the second one has now been unveiled outside the town's library in Brook Street.

Mr Crowe said: "The murals are absolutely fantastic and I am delighted with how they look, they have really added something to the town."

Backing for calls to block bookies

WELSHPOOL Town Council has backed the town's business forum's calls to block an application from William Hill to turn the Stead & Simpson shop on Broad Street into a book-makers.

Planners have voted to "severely object" to the application which would result in the town centre losing another retail space.

They said it would have a "severe detrimental affect" on the prime shopping area and hoped more effort would be made to attract another retail business.

"The change of use from retail is against the policy of the Town Council contained in their own Town Centre Plan," said a planning spokesperson.

Last week, the town's Business Forum said it too objected to the plans. The final decision will be made by Powys County Council who will take all the comments into consideration.

Walk planned

ON Sunday Mel and Linda Lyons will lead the Welshpool Group of The Ramblers on a moderate six mile walk in Church Stretton. Meet at the main car park at 10am or at 9am in the upper part of Church Street Car Park, Welshpool.

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Town could host Welsh crazy golf championship

Golfer's thanks to crew



GOLFER Garry Bentley has raised £300 for the Wales Air Ambulance. The former Llanymynech Golf Club seniors captain raised the money by holding raffles at the club after being airlifted to Stoke from his home with a medical condition. Mr Bentley is pictured, right, handing over the money to Paramedic Ben Seabourne at the Wales Air Ambulance base at Welshpool Airport.

by Graham Breeze

PARTS of Welshpool town centre could be transformed into a crazy golf course to host a national championship.

Welshpool Town Council said it is in advanced negotiations to bring the Welsh Crazy Golf Championships to the town – a move which could see a course built in the town centre in August.

Robert Robinson, town clerk, said: "The qualifiers could be held at the current crazy golf course which is housed around the back of the Flash Leisure Centre in Salop Road and then the finals could be held at a course which would be constructed somewhere right in the town centre."

It is part of plans for a shake-up of events and tourist attractions planned for next year in which the council may also take over the running of the annual carnival.

Remove

It has also swung the axe at the annual Be a Local Tourist Week which encourages residents to check out attractions on their own doorstep after conceding it had "run its course".

Mr Robinson said: "We have drawn up a list of events to be held in the town next year and have added some new ones and given it a bit of a shake-up."

"The first thing we decided on was to remove the Be a Local Tourist Week as it was felt that this time it had run its course and come to a natural end, at least for the next couple of years."

The carnival was cancelled in 2012 due to a lack of space in the town's summer calendar, while this year's saw attendance figures fall, and it is hoped the town council's involvement could rejuvenate it.

Town councillor John Morgan said: "The carnival will need help if it is to progress with certainty into 2014."

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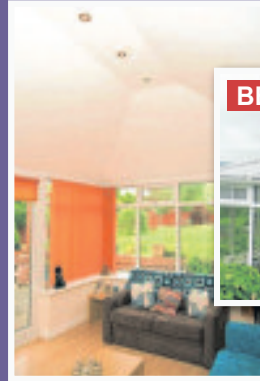


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Ceremony success is idea for new plan

A PARISH hall may have found a new use after hosting a flower festival awards ceremony.

Chirk Parish Hall was invited to host the Wales in Bloom ceremony on Friday, with more than 120 delegates from across Wales.

Jackie Allen, chairwoman of Chirk Community Forum, said the event was such a success and the parish hall looked so beautiful that the town should consider making it as a wedding reception venue.

At the town council meeting this week Mrs Allen, who is also a town councillor, said: "The hall looked absolutely stunning. There were flowers on the window sills and flowers on the stage."

"We are going to try to push the parish hall for wedding receptions now because the flowers and all the decorations were fantastic."

"We've had a dozen e-mails up to now thanking us for hosting the ceremony and saying how lovely the hall looked. It was a feather in Chirk's cap and if we can have wedding receptions here now we could get a bit of money for the community."

Mrs Allen thanked Chirk Castle for opening its gardens to the visiting delegates, and St Mary's Church, which held its flower festival.

Judge slams police for how fight case was investigated

A MOTHER has been cleared of assaulting another woman after a judge ruled police failings meant she could not be given a fair trial.

Judge Robin Onions heavily criticised police involved in the case against Sarah Ford, from Gobowen, telling jurors that officers had failed to follow "absolutely obvious" lines of inquiry.

And the judge told alleged victim Toni Williams police mistakes meant she had been denied the standard of service she ought to have expected.

Miss Ford had denied assaulting Miss Williams by punching her in the face in the toilets of the Kings Head pub in Oswestry on July 20. She also denied an assault causing actual bodily harm on Miss Williams by punching and kicking her during a further attack in Willow Street in Oswestry later the same night.

But the judge directed the jury, sitting at Shrewsbury Crown Court on Thursday, to formally find 35-year-old Miss Ford, of West Place, Gobowen, not guilty of the alleged offences.

The jury had been told Miss Williams was kicked about five times as she lay on the ground in the second attack, the jury was told, and her injuries included a split lip, bruising to her arms and she had a tooth knocked out.

Facebook

Jurors were told Miss Williams did not know at the time who it was who had attacked her but had used Facebook to trace Ford.

She said she had accidentally stumbled into Miss Williams in the cashpoint foyer of the HSBC bank in Oswestry prior to the second incident. Miss Ford denied kicking and punching Miss Williams, although she said she had pushed somebody in self defence after she had been pushed and spat on.

Judge Onions told jurors the police did not investigate transactions made at the bank to prove who was there at the time. "It is an absolutely obvious line of

by Iain St John

inquiry," he said. Referring to the Facebook identification he said: "We have not seen this photograph. We have got no idea how correctly the identification was carried out."

The judge said a video identity parade involving Miss Ford should have been held to allow the Facebook identification to be tested.

He said: "If she had not been picked out by the complainant this case would never have been started."

"In my view it is absolutely fatal to this case."

"Why it was not done escapes me. "I don't believe this case can continue as a fair trial."

He said he had "considerable sympathy" for Miss Williams.

He said Miss Williams was entitled to expect a certain standard of service from the police. She didn't get that in any shape or form, he said.

After the jury was discharged the judge moved into chambers and ordered the officer in the investigation, Constable Simon Marland, to come into the court to discuss the case.

A West Mercia Police spokesman said: "The judge's comments are noted and will be looked into with the officers involved in the case."

School marks Dahlicious Day



All dressed up are, from left, Gabrielle Bisa, five, Warren Nash, Liam Lloyd, Dylan Williams and Ella Fuller, all four.

THE headteacher of a school which was judged to "require improvement" by inspectors said it is already making progress.

Lucy Luke, the acting head of Gobowen Primary School, said she was confident that after its first Ofsted monitoring visit a fortnight ago, inspectors would see a difference.

"Staff, governors, parents and pupils are all absolutely committed to driving the school forward and I believe our recent monitoring visit will recognise the important steps that we are taking towards this," she said. The previous headteacher retired

at the end of June 2013 and the deputy headteacher led and managed the school until the end of the summer term.

The new acting headteacher took up post at the start of this term.

"I have been here for four weeks and I already love this school," she added.

Mrs Luke was speaking as the school celebrated Dahlicious Day, a national event as schools raise money for the Roald Dahl's Marvellous Children's Charity.

Pupils and staff dressed as characters from the Roald Dahl books or in yellow.

Five men in court over drug offences

FIVE men, including one from Chirk, have been remanded in custody on charges of conspiring to supply cocaine and money laundering.

Defendants Jason Maddocks-Jones, 23, of Highfields, Chirk, Simon Neal Roberts, 39, of Dolydd Lane, Cefn Mawr; Wayne David McKenzie, 38, of Parkside Road, Manchester and 54-year-old David Keith Taylor, 54, of Pentre Gwyn, Wrexham appeared at Mold Crown Court via a live television link from Altcourse Prison in Liverpool for a preliminary hearing last Friday.

Judge Niclas Parry set a time-table for the case and said that their pleas would be expected at a hearing in November.

Later a linked defendant, David Arfon Jones, 29, of East Avenue in Ruabon, appeared in person in the dock and the same time-table was set in his case.

The charges follow allegations that police seized a quantity of cocaine, a class A drug, with an estimated street value of £250,000.

The allegations of money laundering includes a number of properties, vehicles and cash including £45,000 which was seized after officers stopped a car in the Wrexham area.

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Town shop seeks spooktacular art

ARTISTS of all ages are being challenged to produce pictures of spooky skeletons and creepy cats for a Halloween art contest.

The competition is being run by Oswestry Framing Company, which is looking for ghostly graphics to display in its window.

Winners will have their pictures professionally framed, with entries in the shop window in Leg Street over Halloween.

Entries should include name, age and telephone number, and can be handed in at the shop.

Group members enjoy walk dates

OSWESTRY Ramblers enjoyed watery walks around Bwlchycibau in the rain, along the canal at Welsh Frankton, and on the shore of Lake Crafant in north Wales.

This group took another canal walk on Sunday, from Welshpool to the Powis Castle tea-rooms before returning to the town and on Sunday rambled enjoyed a nine-mile moderate walk from Ruabon and a moderate six-mile walk around Llanfyllin.

Storytelling time

AUTHOR Tom Percival was at Booka Bookshop in Oswestry last Thursday for a storytelling and signing of his children's book, *Herman's Letter*.

Decision soon on traveller family's bid to stay on land

A THREE-year planning saga over a traveller family's battle to stay on land in a village in Shropshire should finally come to an end in the coming weeks, according to a councillor.

Councillor David Lloyd said he was looking forward to a decision being made on an appeal by Jerry and Michelle Berry to stay on land opposite Henlle Park Golf Club in Gobowen.

By Iain St John

A planning hearing will be held next month to hear the family's second appeal after having had a fresh set of plans to create a travellers' camp turned down by Shropshire Council planners back in May.

Councillor Lloyd, who represents Gobowen on Shropshire Council and is also the authority's speaker, said: "It has become something of a saga and a number of hurdles have been taken."

Process

"The process has been a long way although it is a process the applicants have been fully entitled to take."

"We will await the result of the inquiry with interest," he added.

The Berry family has been living on the site, formerly used as a rubbish tip, without planning permission since 2010.

Shropshire Council planning chiefs issued a stop notice on the land three years ago after development took place without approval.

A previous application by the family to establish a travellers' camp on the land was rejected by Shropshire councillors.

Their appeal was also rejected by a planning inspector after it attracted more than 80 objections.

The couple applied again for permission to develop the land and reduced the number of homes and caravans in their revised bid.

The second bid attracted more than 20 objections including opposition from members of Selattyn and Gobowen Parish Council.

That bid was rejected by Shropshire Council in May.

The couple have now appealed against that decision and the appeal, by way of an informal hearing, will be held in front of a planning inspector on October 30.

The hearing will take place at the Castle View council chambers in Oswestry.



Pupils from Moreton First School paid a visit to the Cambrian Railways Museum to learn about the history of the railway.

Children track rail history

THE train standing on the Cambrian Railways platform was giving schoolchildren the chance to learn more about the railway's history.

A visit by the seven-year-olds from Moreton Hall School, near Oswestry, was the latest in a series of visits and links being forged between the railway and youngsters.

The pupils from Moreton First spent time browsing the Cambrian Railways Museum on Oswald Road.

Museum curator, Lionel Wass showed them round.

Oswestry was an important regional centre for Cambrian Railways until the cuts in the 1960s.

Now volunteers are leading a project to restore the line from Gobowen to Llanyrnnech and Blodwell.

Mr Andrew Tullo from Cambrian Railways, said the visit was part of a wider link with local schools.

Season of free film screenings to begin

A COMMUNITY venue in Oswestry will be starting a season of free film screenings with a celebration of the green-ness of the town.

Grow Your Own (15) will be shown at Hermion, in Chapel Street, on Monday, October 7, as the first in a series of five films scheduled for this autumn and winter.

Duncan Kerr, who is organising the events, said: "In view of the success of the Incredible Edible project in Oswestry, we have chosen *Grow Your Own* as the inaugural film in our first season of free film screenings."

On October 11, *Ghosts* (15), is to be screened by the Oswestry Equality Group. The film tells the story of the events leading up to the deaths of Chinese cockle pickers in Morecambe Bay in 2004.

On October 21 the film will be *Good Vibrations* (18), starring Richard Dormer as Terri Hooley, who opened a record shop in 70s Belfast to express his belief in the redemptive power of pop.

Documentary *Trashed* (U), fronted by Jeremy Irons, will be screened on November 4. The final film in the season will be shown on November 18. *Children of Heaven* (U) is a story from Iran of a brother and a sister as they look for lost shoes.

All films start at 7.30pm and cinema refreshments will be available.

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Pickstock Homes properties at The Carriages, Gobowen Road, Oswestry

Boost for builder

Local house builder Pickstock Homes, based in Oswestry, has been authorised as an agent of the Help to Buy Government scheme.

This Government backed initiative launched in April of this year has been set up to help get the UK housing economy moving at a faster pace than recent years. The scheme offers an equity loan to help people secure a mortgage and get on or move up the property ladder.

Help to Buy equity loans are open to both first time buyers and home movers on new-build homes or apartments in England worth up to 600,000. The scheme works by the homeowner contributing at least five per cent of the property price, the Government will then loan up to 20 per cent of the property's value, interest free for the first five years, enabling the homebuyer to secure a deposit.

Camilla Pickstock, director of Pickstock Homes says: "Becoming a certified agent for Help to Buy is a huge bonus for us, being only the second independent house builder in Shropshire to offer the scheme, this will undoubtedly see our new homes move from the market quicker."

Excited

"Not only this, we are really excited to be able to help people who thought securing a mortgage would be out of their reach, this scheme will enable them to secure their dream home."

Camilla added: "Help to Buy is now available on The Carriages development on Gobowen Road, Oswestry, apartments on Randlay Avenue in Telford and also on our forthcoming development sites of 75 new homes in St Martins and eight new homes in Llanyrnnech."

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Plan ahead to make sure of a perfect day

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WHEN you and your fiancé first sit down to plan your wedding, one of the very first things that you have to settle is what kind of ceremony you want.

Do you want to go the traditional route and get married in a church, or maybe you like the outdoors and you'd prefer a park or beach ceremony?

And like many couples, maybe you simply can't decide. If you fit into that category, you're in luck! We've put together a list of five things to consider when trying to decide what kind of nuptials to have.

What is your dream location? As this is your wedding day, you should have as much as your heart desires... and your budget can afford.

Think about where you would like to tie the knot. Come up with about three different options as you think about how many guests do you want to invite? If it's 30-50, then the garden of a home would be suitable. But if you are planning to ask over 200, you're going to need a venue to accommodate everyone.

You need to think about the size of your guest list as you're narrowing down options.

What is going to be the most convenient? The idea of getting married in an exotic location may seem amazing, but realistically not everyone may be able to afford to attend.

So another important factor is choosing a venue that your family and friends can get to that will not break their bank account in the process.

What "extras" does it have? Selecting a venue isn't just about finding a space where the ceremony will take place, there are many other factors you should think about that will help your big day run smoothly.

Consider if wedding party can get dressed there, the quality of the sound system, scenery for your photos and distance to the reception.

Can you have it the entire day? Many people forget to ask if the rate they are being charged is for and entire day or just a couple of hours.

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Zest Ladies Health and Fitness are pleased to announce the exciting expansion of the services on offer at their premises in Coney Green Oswestry. Zest, who have been offering their unique fitness membership for almost 5 years, have opened a new 'Therapy Zone'. This provides Zest members and Therapist's clients with a range of treatments and beauty enhancement services complimentary to the Zest ethos to help members be "The best that they can be".

There have been taster sessions arranged and evening events for our members to experience several alternative therapies - these are continuing throughout October. Already these therapies have proven to be very popular with our members and we are actively looking to expand the range available. The 'Therapy Zone' is attracting interest from some of the area's most interesting therapists who are finding the online therapy room booking system (Therapyspace.net) very flexible and the Zest membership a valuable source of potential customers. Zest's Personal Trainer Kaylee Pugh is offering sports massage in the Therapy Zone several times per week. Kaylee says 'our ladies work really hard in our personal training sessions and I can help keep their muscles in tip top condition to maximise their results. I would also welcome enquiries from non-members who can also take a

look at club facilities at the same time.

One Therapist has made a long term booking within days of the rooms opening for business. Lucy Wright was offering her services through Top to Toe and as Beauty Manager of The Coach House at The Wynnstay Hotel. Treatments include Reflexology, Waxing, Nails, Electrolysis, Microdermabrasion and Aromatherapy Massages to many more Zest members plus my existing customer base and new clients'. She adds "We are going to hold special beauty days for Zest members focusing on specific treatments to encourage ladies to try something they have never tried before at very special prices".

Coming soon - Beauty and Fitness packages from Zest and Lucy to be launched in the New Year for brides to be and their friends and relatives.

For all other therapists, Therapyspace still have one room available. Log on to Therapyspace.net and you will find an easy to book system by the hour, with discounts for half day and full day including an on-line payment system.

Pauline concludes "We believe beauty therapies, sports massage and a wide variety of therapies are a great addition to our service to members at Zest who already enjoy hourly personal training 3 times per week as part of their membership. We encourage a community atmosphere at Zest where ladies make friends and help each other - come and take a look at what we offer".

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Roomy residence offers stunning country views

A country residence in a sought-after area with stunning views is for sale with Halls.

Golden Grove, Treflach, is near Offa's Dyke with lovely countryside walks on the doorstep, yet within easy reach of commuter links.

On the market at a guide price of £425,000, it has a reception hall, cloakroom, study, lounge, sun lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, boot room/utility, four double bedrooms, bathroom, ample parking and south-facing

mature landscaped gardens with a vegetable plot, garage and garden store.

In more detail the reception hall has a feature staircase off. The lounge has countryside views and an open fire place with Adam style surround and a slate hearth. The sun lounge has views of the Breidden Hills, as does the dining room which also has parquet flooring. The study overlooks the grounds, while the kitchen/breakfast room has a part quarry tiled floor, a pantry store,

space for a table and an original door leading out to the side of the house.

Upstairs are three storage cupboards, four bedrooms and a bathroom.

The front gardens are landscaped and planted with a variety of soft fruit trees and bushes. The rear garden faces south and borders open countryside, with superb views to the Breidden Hills. For more details call Halls on 01691 670320 or visit www.hallsestateagents.co.uk



Farmhouse comes with buildings for conversion

On the market with Richmond Harvey for £620,000, Church House Farm at Four Crosses, Llanyrnach, is a tastefully improved five-bedroom detached farmhouse with a range of outbuildings - two with planning permission for conversion - set in around 1.8 acres.

It has an entrance hall, sitting room, living room, dining room, refitted kitchen, utility, cloakroom, master bedroom ensuite, guest bedroom two ensuite, three further bedrooms, a bathroom, LPG heating and extensive parking. For further information contact Richmond Harvey on 01691 654222 or visit www.richmondharvey.com



Cottage in quiet hamlet has been modernised

An attractive, recently modernised detached cottage in a quiet hamlet is on sale with Town & Country for offers around £295,000.

Set well above a picturesque stream, Riverbend at Weston, on the fringe of Oswestry, has been modernised throughout. With double glazing and oil central heating it has ample parking, a double garage and workshop, yard/storage, hallway, lounge, kitchen, breakfast room, bathroom, four bedrooms, an open fronted car port for two cars, a shed, greenhouse and gardens.

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- STAMP DUTY PAID!!
- Large detached house
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- Edge of village location
- Great potential. EPC E
- Ideal B&B/ annexe space

Offers in the region of £289,950

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- Agricultural Land
- Ideal Grazing
- Approximately 18 Acres
- Rural Location
- Planning Permission For Agricultural Storage Building
- No Chain

£115,000

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- Two Bedrooms
- End Terrace House
- Ample parking

- Well maintained. EPC C
- Purpose built workshop
- Entertainment system inc

£119,950

GOBOWEN



- NO CHAIN!!
- Semi-Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms

- Front & Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking. EPC E
- Great Potential

Offers in the region of £120,000

LYNEAL



- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Double Garage & Parking
- Recently Fitted UPVC Windows

- Lovely Landscaped Gardens
- Sought After Location
- Small Cul de Sac
- Viewing Essential

Offers over £315,000

ST MARTINS



- Semi-Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden to Rear

- Off Road Parking
- Gas Central Heating
- Viewing Recommended

£120,000

PANT



- Detached Family Home
- Spacious Accommodation
- Double Garage & Parking

- Four Bedrooms (1 en suite)
- Generous Gardens
- Village Location

£285,000

GOBOWEN



- Modern End Mews House
- Three Double Bedrooms
- En Suite Facilities

- Off Road Parking. EP C C
- Spacious Accommodation
- Upvc Double Glazing

£147,500

ST MARTINS



- Semi-Detached Cottage
- Two Bedrooms
- Extensive Landscaped Gardens

- Parking Space
- Gas Central Heating
- Viewing Recommended

£149,000

LLANRHAADR



- Detached House
- Former Village Police Station
- Set in Approx. 1/3 Acre
- Three Bedrooms. EPC F

Offers in the region of £200,000

BWLCHGWYN



- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Edwardian Conservatory
- Single Garage

£179,950

WESTON RHYN



- Detached Modern House
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite & Bathroom

- Beautiful Gardens
- Garage and Parking. EPC D
- Double Glazing Throughout

£179,950

ST MARTINS



- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Beautifully Presented

- Garden to Rear
- Garage
- Viewing Recommended

£249,950

OSWESTRY



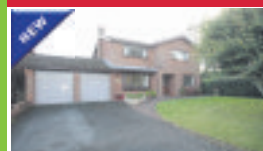
- ***NO CHAIN***
- Detached Dormer Bungalow
- Four Bedrooms (Two En-Suites)

£259,950



- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage
- Viewing Recommended

OSWESTRY



- Detached Family Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms

- Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking
- Sought After Location

£265,000

FOUR CROSSES



- WITH NO CHAIN!!
- Detached Country Cottage
- Four Reception Rooms
- Detached Outbuilding. EPC E

£249,950

ARDDLEEN



- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- No Chain
- Garage. EPC D

£149,950

LLANGYNOG



- Semi Detached Cottage
- Four Bedrooms
- Ideal Bed and Breakfast
- Off Road Parking. EPC E

£145,000

OSWESTRY



- Semi Detached House
- Large Rear Garden
- Three Bedrooms
- Conservatory. EPC D

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OSWESTRY



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- Three Bedrooms
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34 Whitefriars, Oswestry

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- Lounge, kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom
- Majority gas-fired c/h, Majority double glazed
- Car port and good sized rear garden
- Of interest to developer or investment buyer
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 43

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Rhydyfelin, Llangynog, Nr Oswestry

£290,000

- Detached 3 bedroom former farmhouse
- Range of stone outbuildings
- Separate grazing paddock approx 1.5 acres
- Head of valley location, 1 1/2 miles from village
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 15

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NEW



7 Ferndale Close, Four Crosses

£109,950

- End Terrace 2 Bedroom House
- Living Room, Kitchen, Conservatory
- Utility, Sep W.C., Office. Double Glazed
- Former garage storage & parking to front
- Enclosed rear garden with patio area
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 61

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NEW



6 Maesyllan, Llanerfyl

£110,000

- Semi-Detached 3 Bedroom House
- Sitting Room, Kitchen/Dining. Utility Area
- Separate W.C. Oil Fired Heating
- Garden to front & rear. Off road parking
- Cul-de-sac development
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 57

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NEW



Garpe Diem, Lon Yr Iwen Pontrobert

- Modern End-Terrace House in Village Location
- Ent Hall, Sep. WC, Lounge, Kitchen/ Diner
- Three Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Propane Gas C/ Heating. D/Glazing
- Front & Rear lawned Garden and Timber Shed
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 49

£135,000

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Tanydderwen, High Street, Llanfyllin

£165,000

- Detached Town Bungalow
- Sitting & Dining Rooms, Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms, Shower Room. Study/Office
- Loft Bedroom. Gas Heating. Double Glazed
- Garden to front. Detached Garage
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 40

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NEW



Pennant, Llanerfyl

£200,000

- Detached Dormer 3 Bedroom Bungalow
- 2 Receptions, Kitchen. Oil C/Heating. D/G
- Gated access to Single Attached Garage
- Spacious gardens, Views of local countryside
- In Need of Modern Refurbishment
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 51

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NEW PRICE



15 Oldcastle Avenue, Guilsfield

£199,950

- Modern Detached Village Bungalow
- Sitting Room. Kitchen with built-in oven & hob
- Three Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Gas Fired Heating, Double Glazed
- Double Garage. Gardens
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 70

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Llys-Helig, Llanerfyl

£225,000

- Detached Country Bungalow
- Sitting Room, Dining Area, Kitchen. Snug, Utility W.C
- 4 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- Oil Fired Heating. Double Glazed
- Parking, Terraced Gardens. Rural views
- Energy Efficiency Rating = 54

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2 Bed Apartment £115,000
3 Bed Town Houses From £169,000



Oak Meadow, St Martins, Oswestry

2, 3, 4 & 5 Bed Homes of Mixed Specifications

Oak Meadow is a new residential development situated outside of the village of St Martins near Oswestry.

This is a great opportunity to buy from plan, enabling you to select your own kitchen and bathroom and even room layout.

The site will comprise of 2, 3, 4 and 5 bedroom homes. The specification of homes include coach houses, semi detached bungalows, detached houses, semi-detached houses and terraces, all with private gardens. The differing styles of homes offers a unique and homely village feel.

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£450,000

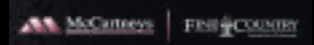


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EPC RATING D
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EPC RATING E
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NO CHAIN
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EPC RATING F
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3 RECEPTION ROOMS
CONSERVATORY
EPC RATING D
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2 RECEPTION ROOMS
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NO CHAIN
KITCHEN/DINER
EPC RATING E
OIRO £129,950



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PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
VILLAGE LOCATION
EPC RATING D
OIRO £127,500



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3 BED TERRACE HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
NO CHAIN
EPC RATING D
OIRO £122,500



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UTILITY ROOM
DOWNSTAIRS WC
EPC RATING C
OIRO £114,950



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EPC RATING D
OIRO £114,950



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GROUND FLOOR
NO CHAIN
EPC RATING D
OIRO £114,950



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2 BED MID TERRACE HOUSE
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
EPC RATING E
OIRO £109,950



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2/3 BED MID TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
TOWN LOCATION
EPC RATING F
OIRO £104,950



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Llanymynech
2 BED MID TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
IN NEED OF MODERNISING
EPC RATING F
Offers over £99,995



NEW
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2 BED TERRACE
KITCHEN/DINER
NURSERY/DRESSING ROOM
EPC RATING D
OIRO £99,950



NEW PRICE
Morda Oswestry
2 BED END TERRACE
GAS CENTRAL HEATING
PVC DOUBLE GLAZING
EPC RATING D
OIRO £94,950



NEW PRICE
Oswestry
2 BED MID TERRACE HOUSE
NO CHAIN
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
CELLAR
Offers Over £89,950



Oswestry
1 BED GROUND FLOOR APARTMENT
RETIREMENT PROPERTY
EPC RATING C
COMMUNAL GARDEN
OIRO £84,950



NEW PRICE
West Felton
2 BED SEMI DET HOUSE
25% SHARED OWNERSHIP
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OIRO £28,750



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EPC RATING TBC
PCM £575



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Llansantffraid
3 BED SEMI-DET HOUSE
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OFF ROAD PARKING
EPC RATING C
PCM £495



TO LET
Oswestry
2 BED PROPERTY
2 RECEPTION ROOMS
OFF ROAD PARKING
EPC RATING E
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- 3 Bedroom
- 2 Reception & Garden Room
- Garden & Decking & Patio
- Walking Distance To Town
- Viewing Recommended
- Current EPC Rating D

**Plas Nant-Y-Meichiaid, Llanfyllin****Price: £585,000****Contact Oswestry**

NEW **NO CHAIN**

An excellent example of a fine Tudor/Elizabethan family home, quaint, romantic and full of historical character. This property is secluded but not isolated.

- 4 Double Bedrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
- 3 Detached Barns (One With Planning Permission)
- Stable Block & Approx 6 Acres
- Picturesque Location
- Current EPC Rating G

**Glenbecca, Maesbrook****Price: £179,950****Contact Oswestry**

NEW **NO CHAIN**

This detached bungalow is situated in a most sought after rural location within easy reach of commuter links yet set in countryside with lovely walks on the door step.

- 2 Double Bedrooms
- Double Garage & Parking
- Large Gardens
- Garden Sheds & Greenhouses
- Oil CH & UPVC DG
- Current EPC Rating E

**Beatrice Cottages, Oswestry****Price: £99,950****Contact Oswestry**

NEW **NO CHAIN**

This immaculate two bedroom property is an ideal investment opportunity or first time purchase.

- 2 Bedroom Property
- Walking Distance To Town
- Paved Rear Garden
- Off Road Parking
- UPVC DG & Gas CH
- Current EPC Rating D

**Dove Cottage, Llynclys****Price: £240,000****Contact Oswestry**

NEW **NO CHAIN**

This detached dormer bungalow is South facing and benefits from open views to the Breidden Hills and to Rodney's Pillar. In need of some modernisation this property must be viewed.

- 3/4 Bedrooms
- 2/3 Receptions & Conservatory
- Double Garage & Parking
- Oil Central Heating
- Gardens
- Current EPC Rating F

**The Poplars, Porthywaen****Price: £270,000****Contact Oswestry**

NEW **NO CHAIN**

This deceptively spacious detached cottage dates back to the 1700's and offers spacious accommodation and benefits from a half acre plot.

- 3 Double Bedrooms
- 3 Receptions & Conservatory
- Easy Access To A483
- Oil Central Heating
- Gardens & Parking
- Current EPC Rating F

**Ceiriog Villa, Glyn Ceiriog****Price: £160,000****Contact Oswestry**

NEW **NO CHAIN**

A three storey family home in need of some modernisation situated in a pleasant village location adjacent to the River Ceiriog.

- 5 Bedrooms
- 4 Reception Rooms
- 2 Kitchens
- 2 Bathrooms
- Gardens & Parking
- Current EPC Rating F

**Pleasant View, Weston Rhyn****Price: £150,000****Contact Oswestry**

NO CHAIN

This detached three bedroom family home is situated in a pleasant cul de sac location within a popular village.

- 3 Bed Detached Family Home
- Workshop & Garage / Parking
- Gardens To Front, Side & Rear
- Oil Central Heating
- Partial Double Glazing

**Penyllan Barn, Coed Y Go****Price: £435,000****Contact Oswestry**

NO CHAIN

A delightful barn conversion and family home which has kept the integrity of the original building with original features.

- 3/4 Bedrooms
- 1 With En-Suite & 1 With Dressing Room / Office
- 2 Receptions & Open Plan Family Dining Kitchen
- Approx 2 Acres Of Land
- Detached Barn & Parking
- Current EPC Rating C

**Kingfisher Way, Morda****Price: £299,950****Contact Oswestry**

NO CHAIN

An immaculate executive style family home overlooking parkland situated in a quiet residential area. This property is in excellent decorative order throughout and has been improved by the current owners to provide a most comfortable family home.

- 4 Bedroom (Master & En-Suite)
- 3 Reception Rooms

**Mill Lane, Llanfyllin****Price: £350,000****Contact Oswestry**

NO CHAIN

A four bedroom character home with river frontage situated on the outskirts of Llanfyllin.

- 4 Bedroom (2 With En-Suites)
- Gas CH & DG (Boiler Installed In 2013)
- River Frontage
- Detached Garage, Studio / Annex & Large Shed
- 2 Receptions & Garden Room
- Current EPC Rating C

**Regent Court, Oswestry****Price: £110,000****Contact Oswestry**

NO CHAIN

A well appointed two bedroom first floor apartment within easy level walking distance to the town centre.

- 2 Bed Apartment
- Walking Distance To Town
- Double Glazing
- Parking
- Communal Areas
- Current EPC Rating B

**The Haven, Four Crosses****Price: £349,950****Contact Oswestry**

NO CHAIN

A well appointed and individually designed detached bungalow offering spacious accommodation with views to The Breidden Hills or open countryside from most windows and conservatory.

- 2 Bed Bungalow
- 2 Receptions & Conservatory
- Oil Central Heating
- UPVC DG & PVC Panels
- Standing In Just Over 2 Acres
- Current EPC Rating D

**Meadowbrook Court, Gobowen****Price: £107,500****Contact Oswestry**

NO CHAIN

A most well appointed two bedroom retirement bungalow situated on a purpose built development offering additional care facilities if required.

- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge / Dining Area & Conservatory
- Garage & Parking
- Private Garden & Communal Gardens
- Viewing Advised

**Breidden Court, Four Crosses****Price: £316,000****Contact Oswestry**

NO CHAIN

An executive detached four bedroom family bungalow situated down a quiet lane in the popular village of Four Crosses.

- 4 Bedroom (2 With En-Suite)
- 2 Reception Rooms
- Detached Double Garage & Parking
- Oil Central Heating
- Gardens To Front, Side & Rear
- Village Location

**Peach Tree House, Monfa, Llansilin****Price: £179,950****Contact Oswestry**

NO CHAIN

Dating back to 1860 this DETACHED family home offers spacious accommodation.

- 4 Bedrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Countryside Walks
- Oil Central Heating
- Character Features
- Current EPC Rating F

**Winch House, Pant****Price: £375,000****Contact Oswestry**

NO CHAIN

This attractive and unique detached family home offers spacious and adaptable accommodation with superb views across the Shropshire Plain and to the Breidden Hills.

- Located On A Quiet No Through Lane
- 3 Receptions & Conservatory
- 3 Double Bedrooms (Master & En-Suite)
- Double Garage & Ample Parking
- Landscaped Gardens
- Current EPC Rating D

**Holyhead Road, Llangollen****Price: £525,000****Contact Oswestry**

NO CHAIN

This detached former farmhouse benefits from 180 degrees of panoramic views across the Vale of Llangollen stretching from Llangollen Town to Castell Dinas Brân, to the Creigiau Eglwyseg, River Dee and Llangollen Canal.

- 5 Bedrooms
- 3 Reception Rooms
- Offers Annex Potential
- Set In Approx 2.5 Acres
- Useful Outbuildings
- Current EPC Rating E

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Offers in Region of £274,500

Kinnerley Lane, Kinnerley



Delightfully situated 7 bedroom detached country residence to provide extensive accommodation and leisure facilities to include: Indoor heated swimming pool, Tennis Court and Snooker Room together with Stable Block and Log Cabin which would be well suited for a separate holiday let. The property also benefits from extensive parking, Triple Garage and Triple Open Fronted Vehicle Store together with two separate automatic gated driveways set-in approximately 4 acres of gardens and grounds. EPC RATING D. ALSO TO LET £2,800PCM

Guide Price £1,500,000



Meadowbrook Court, Gobowen

2 bed retirement bungalow benefits from additional care facilities if required within this purpose built development with well tended communal gardens and private rear courtyard, driveway and garage. No Onward Chain. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £106,950



Dove Court, Baschurch

READY FOR OCCUPATION: New build four bed detached family house with Gas Fired Central Heating and Double Glazing, Driveway, Single Garage and Gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING B

Asking Price £249,950



Porth-Y-Waen

3 bedroom detached country residence which offers excellent private equestrian facilities set in approx 2.5 acres of gardens, pastureland and a menage. Oil Fired CH, Long driveway leading to ample parking, Stabling and Workshop. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region of £310,000



Milars Field, Morda

2 bed bungalow which enjoys an edge of village location comprising: Entrance Hall, Spacious Lounge/Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, DG, Gas Fired CH, Garden and Two Allocated Parking Spaces. EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £139,950



Pant, Nr Oswestry

4 bedroom split level detached family house which enjoys a delightful elevated position set in generous gardens. The property offers excellent road links via A483 with Driveway providing extensive parking with turning provision, Garage with automatic up and over door. Early Viewing Recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £259,950



Campbell Close, Oswestry

3 bed detached comprising: Entrance Hall, Living Room, Kitchen/Dining Room, Conservatory, First Floor, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired CH, Majority PVC DG, Driveway and Further Gravel Area, gardens. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £169,950



Whittington

Character semi detached cottage comprising: Entrance Hall, Lounge with feature fireplace, Attractive Kitchen/Dining Room, First Floor Landing, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired Central Heating, Car Port, Parking and Garden. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING F

Offers in Region of £169,950



Onnen Gardens, Trefonen

Modern 4 bedroom executive detached family house which enjoys a pleasant cul-de-sac location within the sought after village of Trefonen, with Double Glazing, Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Garage and Driveway, Gardens to front and rear. No Onward Chain. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £319,950



Moors Lane, St Martins

Period 3 storey residence which benefits from an extensive rear garden and detached barn with certificate of proposed lawful use or development for conversion to ancillary living accommodation, which would provide an annexe or residential/holiday let potential. Ample parking provision and Garage. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £295,000



Whitridge Way, Trefonen

4 bed detached house: Entrance Porch, Reception Hall, Cloakroom, Study, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, First Floor, Master Bedroom with Dressing Area & Ensuite, 3 Further Bedroom, Bathroom, DG, Oil Fired CH, Double Driveway & Garage, Gardens. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £285,000



Victoria Road, Oswestry

Deceptively spacious character 4 bedroom Victorian town house with separate living space, Gated Driveway, large purpose built garage with useful storage over, Garden Room, Workshop/Store & Log Store. NO CHAIN! EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £298,000



S.S.T.C

Broomhall Close, Oswestry

PRICED TO SELL: Spacious and most well appointed 'executive' 4 bedroom detached family home situated within a select cul-de-sac in an edge of town location. There are particular features to this property and a viewing of the home and gardens are strongly recommended. EPC RATING D

Offers Over £300,000



S.S.T.C

Roft Street, Oswestry

3 bedroom detached Victorian town house which has been improved over the years yet still retaining a wealth of character features. The property offers the discerning buyer the opportunity to purchase a truly delightful family residence offering central town living EPC RATING D

Offers in Region of £239,950



Greenhill Bank, Crifftins

4 bed detached house which enjoys a delightful rural position comprising: Porch, Entrance Hall, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Conservatory, Utility, WC, First Floor, 4 Bedrooms, Bathroom, Oil Fired CH, PVC DG, Driveway, Car Port and Gardens. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £229,995



Valley View, Dolywern

Semi detached cottage: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Feature Kitchen/Family Room, Study, Ground Floor WC, First Floor Mezzanine/Sitting Room, Utility, Landing, 3 Bedrooms and Further Mezzanine currently utilised as a 4th Bedroom (Master), Oil Fired CH, Rear Courtyard. NO CHAIN. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £225,000



Milars Field, Morda

3 bedroom semi detached property comprising: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Room, Cloakroom, First Floor, Master Bedroom Ensuite, 2 Further Bedrooms, Bathroom, Gas Fired CH, DG, Gardens and Parking. Remaining NHBC Guarantee. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £152,500



Pool Quay, Nr Welshpool

A most delightfully situated three bedroom character attached barn conversion which was tastefully completed during 2003 together with a traditional attached former farm building with full planning permission (No M97071) EPC RATING D

Price Guide £555,000



Penybontfawr

3/4 bedroom cottage with attached 1 bedroom self contained annexe offering an ideal investment opportunity and large detached garage/workshop with generous neatly landscaped gardens. Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING E

Offers in Region of £275,000



Llanymynech

4 bedroom executive detached house which offers excellent family accommodation along with: Double Width Driveway, Garage and Neatly Landscaped Gardens. LPG central heating system via radiators where stated, Double Glazing where stated. Internal Viewing Fully Recommended. EPC RATING C

Offers in Region of £245,000



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- Small Garden
- EPC Rating C

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- Semi Detached House
- Partial GFCH/DG
- Sitting Room
- Dining Kitchen
- Separate Toilet
- Three Bedrooms
- Parking for 2 Vehicles
- Garden
- Available from 26 Sept.
- EPC Band -

JJD067

£500

HENGOED - TO LET



- Oil Fired C/H
- 2 Reception
- Breakfast Kitchen & Utility
- Four Bedrooms
- New Bathroom
- Conservatory
- Partially re-carpeted
- Garaging
- Splendid Gardens
- EPC rating - F

JJD072

£800

PARK HALL, NR. OSWESTRY



- GFCH & D/G
- Dining Kitchen
- Sitting Room
- Sun Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Large Attractive Garden
- Garage & Parking
- Occupying Quiet Position
- EPC Rating D

JJD020

£139,500

ST. MARTINS



- Detached House
- Occupying Pleasant Rural Position
- Opportunity for further improvement
- GFCH
- D/G & Secondary D/G
- Sitting Room & Living Room
- Dining Kitchen
- 3 Good Sized Bedrooms
- Garaging
- Good Sized Garden
- EPC Band D

JJD005

£239,000

KINNERLEY



- Part Electric C/H
- Double Glazing
- Entrance Hall
- Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Kitchen & Utility
- 2 Bedrooms & Boxroom
- Attractive Gardens
- EPC Band E

JJD080

£129,950

GOWEN



- Close Care
- Residential Bungalow
- Central Heating/Dble. Glazing
- Lounge/Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Two Bedrooms
- Large Bathroom
- Cloakroom
- Garage
- Rear Enclosed Paved Yard
- EPC Band - E

JJD021

£109,500

LLANFYLLIN



- OFCH/UPVC DG
- Cloakroom
- Two Reception
- Laundry Room
- Breakfast Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Three Double Bedrooms
- En-Suite
- Terraced Garden
- EPC Band -

JJD019

£339,500

GOWEN



- Detached three bedroomed split level house
- G/F C/H, D/G
- Impressive Lounge
- Dining room
- Breakfast kitchen & utility
- Garage & car parking
- Attractive patio garden
- Elevated position overlooking Village
- EPC Band D

JJD781

£210,000

LLANMYNECH



- Detached Bungalow
- Large S/C Guest Suite/Annex
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Two Large Conservatories
- Garage/Workshop
- Delightful Landscaped Garden
- Ample Parking
- Well Stocked Pond
- Approx. 2 acres in all
- EPC Band D

JJD817

£750,000

OSWESTRY



- Detached three bedroomed family house in sought after residential area
- G/F C/H, D/G
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen & Utility
- Dining Room
- Sitting Room & Lounge
- Dressing Room
- Large Garage
- Attractive Gardens
- EPC Band D

JJD778

£349,950

BABBINSWOOD, WHITTINGTON.



- Detached Cottage
- Occupying quiet position
- UPVC D/G
- Kitchen & Utility
- Sitting Room
- Conservatory
- 3 Beds.
- Parking
- Large Rear Garden
- EPC Rating - G

JJD813

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● West Felton



A recently refurbished semi detached house situated within a popular village, comprising breakfast kitchen, living room, conservatory, two bedrooms bathroom, good sized rear garden and off street parking. EPC - 'D'.
£112,950

● St Martins



A refurbished, detached bungalow set in a generous plot in a convenient village location. The property provides spacious living accommodation with three bedrooms, bathroom, attached double garage with useful studio room above. EPC - 'F'.
£209,950

● Guilsfield



A new build detached executive home on a select development, comprising dining kitchen, utility, three reception rooms, two ensuite bedrooms, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, garage and enclosed garden backing on to open parkland.
£335,000

● Oswestry



A modern semi detached house situated on the outskirts of the town centre comprising contemporary breakfast kitchen, living room, ensuite master bedroom, two further bedrooms, family bathroom, enclosed rear garden, detached garage and driveway parking. EPC - 'C'.
£129,950

● Llangadfan



The only remaining bungalow on this popular select development of 15 homes. The property comprises dining kitchen, utility, sitting room, ensuite master bedroom, two further bedrooms, bathroom, single garage and gardens. EPC - 'C'.
£177,500

● Dolanog



A Grade II Listed, three bedroom detached country farm house set in approximately 1.5 acres, with a range of ancillary outbuildings. The property is in need of refurbishment and provides a rare opportunity. EPC - 'F'.
£250,000

● Oswestry



An immaculate, modern semi detached house, situated within a secure courtyard within the town centre, comprising open plan living with fully fitted kitchen, dining and sitting areas, two double bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden with patio, one off street parking space. EPC - 'B'.
£115,000

● Rhoswel



3 West Lea occupies a quiet cul de sac situation in the small hamlet of Rhoswel. The property is ideally situated for access to the main A5/A483 and provides spacious end of terraced accommodation in need of some refurbishment. EPC - 'E'.
£119,950

● The Carriages, Gobowen Road, Oswestry



Contemporary, new build apartments and town houses, situated on the edge of the town centre, benefiting from floor to ceiling glazing which provides the properties with vast amounts of natural light and roof top views across the town and over to Lhwy Coppedge. The apartments comprise of open plan living and kitchen areas, two bedrooms, ensuite and family bathrooms. The town houses consist of either separate breakfast kitchens with large living area or open plan living and kitchen areas, three bedrooms with ensuite shower rooms, family bathrooms and balconies or patios. All the properties benefit from off street parking, NHBC Guarantee and are now available on the Government Help to Buy Scheme.
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● College Road



A Modern, three bedroom, semi detached house situated on the outskirts of the town centre providing easy access to WNSC, the leisure centre and the road network, with enclosed garden, garage and driveway. EPC - 'C'.
£129,950

● Oswestry



An immaculate, modern and surprisingly spacious semi detached house situated within a convenient location in the town centre, comprising kitchen, living room, two good sized bedrooms, bathrooms, low maintenance rear garden and driveway parking. EPC - 'D'.
£129,950

● Oswestry



A new build end of terrace town house situated on the edge of the town centre, comprising open plan kitchen and living area to the first floor, two double bedrooms and bathroom to the second floor and large master bedroom suite with shower room and balcony to the third floor.
£169,950

● Rhos-y-Brithdir



A surprisingly spacious country smallholding situated only 3 miles from both Llanfyllin and Llanhaeadr YM, with a wealth of period features and extensive gardens. The property comprises breakfast kitchen, three reception rooms, two conservatories, three double bedrooms, three bathrooms and benefits from various outbuildings, workshops and sheds. The pasture land and gardens extend to approximately 14 acres. EPC - 'E'.
£395,000

● Llansantffraid



A three bedroom family home, situated within the heart of the village of Llansantffraid. The accommodation comprises, kitchen with pantry, living room, dining room, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property boasts single garage, wood shed and small lawn. EPC - 'F'.
£550 pcm

● Near Chirk



A spacious detached farm house, situated in a quiet country location within easy access to the road network, comprising breakfast kitchen, three reception rooms, four bedrooms, large carport and mature gardens. EPC - 'F'.
£775 pcm

● Welshpool



An immaculate terraced property situated within Welshpool Town centre. The property comprises fully fitted kitchen, living room, three bedrooms and bathroom. Long term availability.
£500 pcm

● Llangynog



A recently refurbished stone cottage situated in stunning, rural countryside near Llangynog. The accommodation comprises kitchen, utility, two reception rooms, shower room, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property boasts ample parking and gardens. EPC - 'F'.
£600 pcm

● Llansantffraid



A well presented, contemporary first floor apartment situated on the popular Spoonley Farm development within the centre of the village. The property comprises a galley kitchen, spacious living room, one double bedroom and a shower room. EPC - 'D'.
£350 pcm



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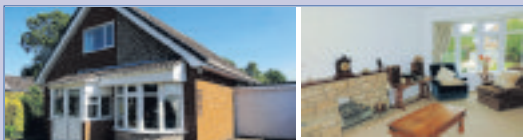
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**NEW - NO CHAIN****Pant £160,000**

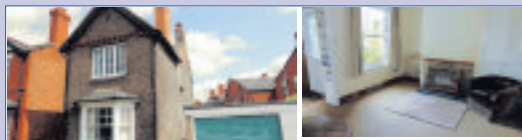
- A deceptively spacious 3 bedroom detached bungalow with basement garage all set within terraced gardens with excellent views over the surrounding countryside. ● Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Large Conservatory, 3 Bedrooms, Bathroom and Shower room.
- The large terraced gardens lead upto woodland whilst there is ample off road parking.
- The property benefits from uPVC windows and Oil central heating. EPC Rating F

**Price On Application****Pentre Aaron
Weston Rhyn**

- A rare Agricultural Investment opportunity comprising a block of accommodation land extending to 15 acres (6.07 ha) or thereabouts conveniently located just off the A5/A483 between Oswestry and Weston Rhyn
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**NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN****Berwyn Drive
St. Martins £175,000**

- A spacious and well appointed 2/3 Bedroom Detached Dormer Bungalow located close to the centre of the popular village of St Martins.
- Kitchen, Living Room and Bathroom together with a Dining Room which alternatively could be used as a ground floor bedroom.
- On the first floor are two further spacious Bedrooms. Externally the property benefits from a good size garden, garaging and off-road parking.
- uPVC double glazing throughout, uPVC gutters and fascia boards and gas fired central heating. EPC Rating D

**NEW PRICE - NO CHAIN****Victoria Street
Oswestry £139,995**

- A spacious and well located Detached 3 Bedroom property
- The property requires some modernisation
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen
- Three Excellent Bedrooms, Ground Floor Family Bathroom
- Garden to rear, single garage and driveway
- Gas C/H, part uPVC D/G, EPC Rating F

**NO CHAIN****Gwyn Road
Selattyn £209,995**

- A recently completed 4 bedroom family home in the popular village of Selattyn
- Ent Hall, Ground Floor Shower Room, Lounge, Kitchen/Dining Rm, Utility
- Master Bedroom (en-suite) & 3 further Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Private, low maintenance gardens & off road parking
- uPVC double glazing and Oil C/H throughout. EPC Rating B

**Great Ness
Shrewsbury £375,000**

- A Grade II Listed Period Property believed to date from the early 17th Century situated in the charming hamlet of Great Ness with excellent views over rolling countryside
- Sympathetically restored and extended by the current owners to create a spacious family home yet retaining a host of original features. Mature well stocked gardens & offer the perfect back drop
- Lounge, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility & Shower Room. 3 large bedrooms & Family Bathroom, a further 2 Bedrooms and a Study

**Morda Close
Oswestry £475,000**

- An Executive Family Home situated on the exclusive Morda Close development on the outskirts of the town of Oswestry
- Entrance Hall with Lounge, Dining Room and a large Kitchen/Breakfast Room with adjoining Utility Room and Cloakroom
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite & Guest Bedroom with En-Suite. The remaining 2 Bedrooms & Study are served by a large Family Bathroom
- Large private landscaped gardens. Ample parking and Double Garage block with room above which could be utilized for a number of uses. EPC Rating C

**Baytree Close
St. Martins £118,995**

- A comfortably appointed and well positioned Semi-Detached Residential Dwelling House situated in a short cul-de-sac within the centre of the village being convenient to all facilities
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Sun Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom
- Majority double glazing, gas fired central heating cavity wall insulation, delightful gardens to fore and rear, ample parking for several vehicles. EPC Rating C

**Morda
Oswestry £500,000**

- A substantial Double fronted Georgian style property retains a host of original features, has been extensively modernised by the current owners
- Recently fitted Kitchen, Drawing Rm, Study, Sun Rm, Utility Rm, Cellars, 4 large Beds, Family Bathrm & Separate Shower Rm. EPC Rating F
- Substantial stone/brick built outbuildings which could be used for a host of future uses (subject to planning consents). Further brick built Building is currently used as a Games Rm
- Standing in an elevated position overlooking landscaped gardens with views, large patio, extends to approx 0.72 acre (0.29 ha)

**Ardleen
Nr Welshpool £299,995**

- A most comfortably appointed and spacious Modern Detached Residence only twelve years old, built to very high standards
- Storm Porch, Reception Hall, Cloaks, Study, Spacious Lounge, Sitting Rm, Dining Room, Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Master Bedroom & Guest Bedroom (both en-suite), 2 Further Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom
- LPG Gas C/H, high security D/G, intruder alarm, dble garage & ample parking on driveway. EPC Rating D

**Boot Street
Whittington £315,000**

- A deceptively spacious Detached Bungalow which has been extended and finished to high standards within large well stocked gardens in a private location yet close to the centre of the picturesque village of Whittington
- Open plan Lounge/Dining Rm, adjoining Study, well fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Rm, Utility
- 3 Double Bedrooms (2 En-Suite) an additional Shower Rm
- Patio and seating veranda to the front of the property, off road parking
- Hardwood D/G, recently fitted Gas C/H system. EPC Rating D

**The Meads
Weston Rhyn £119,995**

- A well presented 3 Bedroom Mid-Terrace Property situated within an established residential area
- Well maintained by the current owners, fully fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Rm with Appliances
- Spacious Lounge, 3 Bedrooms and a recently fitted Shower Room
- Good size garden, driveway providing off-road parking
- uPVC double glazing & Gas fired central heating. EPC Rating D

**NO CHAIN****Ifton Fields
St. Martins £124,995**

- A well appointed and deceptively spacious Semi-Detached Property
- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Cloakroom, Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- uPVC double glazing and gas central heating. EPC Rating D
- Private rear garden together with a large side garden
- Which could accommodate an extension to the property (subject to planning permission).

**Bryn Y Castell
Gobowen £249,995**

- A rare opportunity to purchase a spacious Detached Family Home
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Guide Price: £90,000 - £100,000

Lot 1



A large semi-detached property in need of refurbishment offering some excellent potential for a purchaser to turn it into a wonderful family home. The property is currently in the late stages of renovation and is a completely fresh canvas which provides plenty of potential and is begging out for development. The property is in a central location with access to all mainline trains approx. 10 miles away in the town of Welshpool, with the National Express being available in Oswestry which is approx. 4 miles away. The larger cities of Birmingham, Liverpool and Manchester are approx. 70, 60 and 70 miles away respectively.

Greenfields, Deytheur

Guide Price: £150,000

Lot 2



A rare opportunity to purchase a half-timbered cottage sitting in about 2 acres of good grazing land and in need of complete restoration. The cottage has a wealth of character and charm with an abundance of exposed beams as well as some delightful features such as oak panelling, stained glass windows and some decorative carved window and door surrounds. The accommodation briefly comprises; porch, kitchen, dining room, living room, sitting room, study, bathroom, large landing and two first floor bedrooms. There is space and potential to extend the cottage subject to the necessary consents. Set back from the lane and conveniently located between Welshpool and Oswestry.

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Guide Price: £338,000

2856



Babbinswood, Nr Ellesmere

An attractive farmhouse of great charm and character in need of some modernisation with great potential to form a first class family property, standing in good sized gardens with two paddocks adjacent to the garden, in all extending to approximately three acres. Hall, dining room, sitting room, farmhouse style kitchen, back kitchen/utility room, cloakroom, workshop/playroom, master bedroom, dressing room, en-suite, bedroom 2, bedroom 3, bathroom, attic room 1/bedroom 4, attic room 2/bedroom 5. EPC Band: G

Guide Price: £395,000



Llangedwyn, Powys

An appealing detached stone country property in a magnificent rural location close to the Estate village of Llangedwyn. The property sits in approximately 1.12 acres (0.45 ha) of grounds which includes a small arboretum, lawns to the side and rear of the property, impressive courtyard with feature stone walls, arch and well. Hall, dining room, kitchen, snug, utility, drawing room, sun room, boot room/gun room, bathroom/cloakroom, three bedroom, bedroom 4/study, en-suite bathroom, gallery, garage/store. EPC Band: F. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £385,000



Maesbrook, Oswestry

A delightful period property set in 1.75 acres of gardens, established vegetable plots and paddocks. Originally a small detached period cottage, having been considerably extended to provide an extremely spacious family home. It occupies a delightful rural position adjoining open countryside in a quiet location about three quarters of a mile down a country lane yet easily accessible to the main road within a few minutes. Entrance porch, hall, main reception hall, family room/study, sitting room, very large kitchen/dining room, utility room, ground floor shower room, four bedrooms plus an office/fifth bedroom and good size family bathroom. Ample brick and timber store sheds, Dutch barn and garage. EPC Band: F

Guide Price: £379,950

3545



**SET IN APPROX
2.5 ACRES**

Penygargreg Lane, Pant

A substantial detached mature bungalow, set in good sized gardens and wooded dingle extending to approx 2.5 acres in total. Feature reception hall, sitting room, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en suite shower room, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Large double garage, oil CH, PVC DG to the majority of windows. It occupies a convenient location on the outskirts of the village within walking distance of local amenities. EPC Band: E. PART EXCHANGE CONSIDERED

Guide Price: £365,000

2962



**SMALLHOLDING
FOR SALE BY
PUBLIC AUCTION**

Llanfair Caereinion, Welshpool

In two Lots, on Thursday 17th October 2013 at 7pm at 'The Loft Conference Centre', Coed Y Dinas, Welshpool, Powys, SY21 8RP

The sale provides a rare opportunity to purchase a small holding of character set within an idyllic setting with breathtaking views of the Welsh countryside forming part of the Montgomery Hills.

LOT 1: A detached 3 bedroom farmhouse, a traditional brick/stone building, a modern stock building, together with 19.74 acres (7.99 ha) (or thereabouts) of good agricultural land. It occupies a convenient location on the outskirts of the desirable town of Llanfair Caereinion.

LOT 2: Further land extending to 1.93 acres (0.78 ha) (or thereabouts) permanent pasture with the benefit of roadside access.



WITH 3.75 ACRES

Haughton, Llandrinio

A four bedroom detached property offering good sized accommodation, having oil CH and pleasant rural outlooks to the rear. Entrance hall, sitting room with inglenook fireplace, dining room with inglenook fireplace, study, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, downstairs cloakroom, three good sized double bedrooms and one large single bedroom, and family bathroom. Situated with adjoining paddock extending to approximately 3.75 acres or thereabouts. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £350,000

1962



**WITH ANNEXE &
LARGE GARDENS**

Edgerley, Oswestry

A charming, Grade II Listed detached period cottage set in gardens and grounds of approx 0.6 acre, with self contained annexe/garage block suitable for work from home, holiday let and ancillary accommodation. Hall, sitting room, dining room, family/games room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, WC, master bedroom with en-suite bathroom, two further bedrooms, family bathroom. Annexe comprises: kitchen, downstairs bathroom, garage/store, upstairs living area. DG, ample parking, summerhouse, greenhouse, stores, polytunnel, good size paved areas for outside dining. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: Offers over £349,950

2717



Llanyblodwel, Oswestry

A detached Grade II Listed country property, which has been renovated over recent years retaining the character and features of the original building. Entrance hall with cloaks lobby, sitting room having the original stone fire surround, dining room, living room, kitchen, utility room, gallery landing, master bedroom, guest bathroom, second floor spacious bedroom/games/office area. Outside there is an independent office/library. Gardens to the front and rear, ample parking, garage. EPC Band: G. For further information contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £450,000

2858



Llangedwyn, Oswestry

The Green Inn is situated on the B4398 road which runs between Oswestry and Bala in the Tanat Valley renowned for its natural beauty. The Tanat Valley is on the Wales/England border and the Berwyn mountain range is within easy travelling distance. It is ideally located for local trade and tourist traffic also to the area, and provides licensed accommodation on the ground and first floor, along with private living accommodation. EPC Band: F. Contact Agents on 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £325,000



Crickheath, Oswestry

A charming detached property, built at the same time as the Montgomery Canal, with spacious well maintained accommodation offering original cottage features. It occupies tranquil location and rural aspect make this an ideal rural retreat. There is a useful garden store, garage and greenhouses, together with a summerhouse, the garden is mainly laid to lawn intersected with mature shrubs and trees. hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, three bedrooms, en-suite shower room, family bathroom. EPC Band: F. For further details contact 01691 655334.

Guide Price: £275,000



Laburnum Meadows, Four Crosses

A spacious detached house originally designed as a four bedroom house but now laid out as a three bedroom, offering good sized accommodation, comprising: entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, sitting room, dining room, conservatory, large family room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility area, three double bedrooms, en-suite, family bathroom. Wood framed DG, oil CH, good sized single detached garage, the gardens are of particular note being larger than average size, offering a good degree of privacy and good size sun patios. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £215,000

3589



Whittrington, Nr Oswestry

A spacious, detached, extended bungalow, having gas CH, uPVC DG, garage and privately screened gardens. It occupies a pleasant and very convenient position on the fringe of the village with a variety of local amenities and easily accessible to both Ellesmere and the larger town of Oswestry and access to the A5 is only a mile away providing rapid travel to Shrewsbury and North Wales. Large entrance hall, sitting room, inner hall/dining room, kitchen, side porch/utility, three bedrooms, family bathroom, and further separate WC. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £209,000

3531



Brynfa Avenue, Welshpool

A modern split level detached house situated in an elevated position overlooking Welshpool, Severn Valley and Long Mountain. Entrance hall, kitchen, dining room, lounge, two bedrooms both with en-suites, third bedroom, family bathroom. Gas CH, DG, parking and garage. The property is situated in the market town of Welshpool having a wealth of local amenities. Internal inspection is highly recommended. EPC Band: C

Guide Price: £179,500

3594



NO CHAIN

Brooklyn Road, Pant

An attractive, deceptively spacious, semi-detached bungalow having oil fired CH, DG, large garage and delightful gardens to front and rear. It occupies a very pleasant and convenient cul-de-sac position close to the centre of Pant, within walking distance of a range of local amenities and being about 15 miles from Shrewsbury, and 6 miles from Oswestry. Porch, hall, living room, dining room/bedroom 2, two further bedrooms, conservatory and newly fitted bathroom. EPC Band: D

Guide Price: £169,000

3131



**INSPECTION
RECOMMENDED**

Queens Road, Oswestry

A well presented ground floor apartment, being part of a small select development of just 10 apartments, created from the conversion of the old Queens Park Girls School. Entrance hall, sitting room/dining room, well fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, en-suite shower room, and separate bathroom. Gas CH, two private parking spaces, and is located in one of Oswestry's most sought after areas being within easy walking distance of the town centre and local amenities. EPC Band: C

Guide Price: £139,950

3139



NO CHAIN

Gobowen, Oswestry

A spacious leasehold three bedroom first floor flat having gas CH, partial uPVC DG, garden with shed and two official parking spaces. The property occupies a convenient position in the centre of Gobowen, having a range of amenities within short distance. It is accessible to the railway station and Oswestry and within short driving distance of Shrewsbury and Wrexham. Ground floor entrance hall with stairs to large first floor landing, delightful living room, modern well equipped kitchen/breakfast room, good size bathroom with WC and three bedrooms. EPC Band: E

Guide Price: £115,000

3077



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Guide Price: Offers over £150,000

3590



Ferrers Road, Oswestry

- A ground floor flat, close to good local amenities
- Entrance hall, sitting room/bedroom
- Kitchenette, breakfast/dining area
- Bedroom and bathroom
- One parking space, gas CH
- EPC Band: D
- Available now

£400 pcm

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Crickheath, Oswestry

- A detached mature double fronted property
- Hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen
- Small utility/boiler room, downstairs WC
- Three bedrooms, family bathroom
- Parking, garage, small paddock with store & stable
- Further land available by separate negotiation
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Funeral Service at Emstrey Crematorium, Shrewsbury on Tuesday, October 8, at 1.45pm.

Family flowers only please but donations, if desired, to The Guide Dogs for the Blind. Inquiries to W.E. PRICE Funeral Directors Salop Road Oswestry Telephone 01691 652995.

acknowledgements

OWEN

Heather Valerie

Les, Mark, Victoria and the Family wish to thank everyone, most sincerely for all the kindness and sympathy extended to them in their sad bereavement, also for the many letters and cards received, floral tributes and the attendance at the Funeral.

Special thanks for the generous donations received, amounting to date of £703, that were for the National Autistic Society.

THOMAS

Judith

David, Susan and Paul would like to thank all Family, Friends and Neighbours for their kindness, support, cards and messages of sympathy received on their recent sad loss.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Funeral and for the donations to Llanfyllin Group Practice and The British Heart Foundation, the amount totalling £231.

Special thanks to the Rev. Pam Powell and to J Jacksons and Sons, Funeral Directors.

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BAKER

Christine Rowena

Mr Richard Baker, Rebecca, Robert, Geoff, Sharon and the Family of the late Mrs Rowena Baker wish to express their sincere thanks to all Relatives, Friends, Neighbours and former Colleagues for the cards, letters and other kind messages of sympathy, love and prayers received at this very sad and most difficult time, for the attendance of so many of you at the Funeral Service and for your donations, which are to be divided between the Severn Hospice (Telford) and Macmillan Cancer Support.

Special thanks to her Doctors and to the Staff at Bridgnorth Medical Practice for all your efforts on Rowena's behalf throughout her illness, to the Community Nurses, The Hospice at Home and all the other outside agencies for your wonderful care and kindness to Rowena and to the Family and for helping us to nurse her at home until the very end, which was just so important to all of us, to Colonel Smith, Penny, Rebecca, David and to all who gave their memories of Rowena for your very personal contributions to the Ceremonies, to the Flower Shop at Bridgnorth for the beautiful floral tribute, to all at The Raven Hotel at Much Wenlock for your hospitality and for looking after everyone so well afterwards and to the Revd. Hugh Patterson, The Ven. John Cox and Organist Mr Paul Jones and Mrs Alison Foxall for leading us in a most uplifting Celebration of her life.

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The salary is based on 17 hours per week. The hourly rate will be calculated according to NALC's recommendations depending upon qualifications and/or experience.

Applicants should be either CILCA qualified or prepared to study toward this, which the Parish Council will support.

Attendance is required at the Parish Council Meetings held in the evening on the 2nd Thursday in every month, and at other meetings arranged as necessary throughout the year.

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An application form, job description and further details can be obtained from the Chairman of the Council, Councillor Helen Williams on 01691 777561 or email helenwilliams@237gmail.com OR Sue Crow on 01691 655385; email clerksmcpc@dsl.pipex.com

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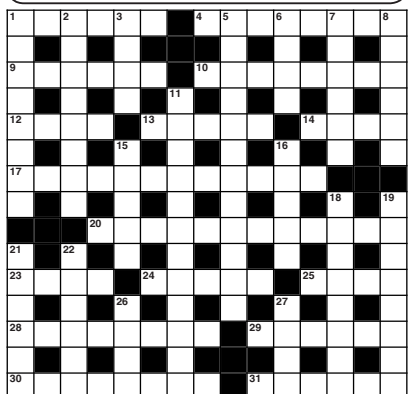
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ACROSS

- 1 It tightens a nut in a cleaning machine (6)
- 4 Seat breaks with danger to star (8)
- 9 Made fun of, as umbrellas are (6)
- 10 Harvest the grain in a new way (6,2)
- 12 Not well done; some extra rehearsal needed (4)
- 13 A boring couple (5)
- 14 Thanks to an American lawyer you get the facts (4)
- 17 Advance from bank to bank? (8,4)
- 20 They're the last to go to the wall (6,6)
- 23 Open with a shock (4)
- 24 A rather attractive sort of accent (5)
- 25 He's not too bad in part (4)
- 28 Indian rainmakers (8)
- 29 Work hard to complete a butt (3-3)
- 30 They may wilt and droop in the centres (8)
- 31 Doesn't go right inside but hopes for (4)

DOWN

- 1 Bear word about someone's clothes (8)
- 2 Out of town - and out of the country (8)
- 3 Seek fresh increases (4)
- 5 Beaming, they take the cash-girl's change! (12)
- 6 A nymph in the chorus (4)
- 7 A way of approach that isn't welcomed? (6)
- 8 Any new knowledge about East African (6)
- 11 Open with anger an original Christmas gift (12)
- 15 Radiant girl goes up west (5)
- 16 It was put out for the carol singers (5)
- 18 It can make a man hate what is repellent to him (8)
- 19 Practically of an equally high standard (2,4,2)
- 21 Sailor joins a Scotsman on the roads (6)
- 22 We rang around for a composer (6)
- 26 Jot down the first nine letters (4)
- 27 Not all an unemployed actor hopes for (4)

LAST WEEKS RESULTS

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Townsfolk may pay bill for visitors to spend a penny

Boost for blind dogs charity



Catherine Morton with one of the blind dogs with which her charity works.

A CHARITY which cares for blind dogs has been awarded £500 to help find adoptive homes for its rescue dogs.

Blind Dog Rescue UK, which is based in Oswestry, was given the funding by the BT People Awards, which rewards local community groups, charities and organisations where BT employees volunteer their time.

Catherine Morton, a contracts administrator for BTiNet who applied for the award, said: "We rescue and rehome blind and partially sighted dogs from Europe where they have very little chance of ever leaving the street or shelter. We cover the cost of transport, passports and eye operations, as well as supporting rescues in Romania with food and veterinary bills."

Blind Dog Rescue UK is one of hundreds of groups who applied for an award during this round of the scheme and impressed judges with how they would use their grant.

The group plans to use its £500 to help transport dogs to adoptive homes. "I have been involved in Blind Dog Rescue UK for

nearly two years now. We are always low on resources and funding is hard to come by," Catherine said.

"The BT People Awards provides a great opportunity for charities like ours to get some additional help that can make a huge difference. We will be able to help more dogs find their loving forever homes after facing an uncertain future."

The charity works in the rescue, rehabilitation and rehoming of blind and partially sighted dogs in the UK and across Europe. It also offers help and support to owners of blind or partially sighted dogs.

Catherine said: "We are determined to ensure that blind dogs are given the chance to live full and happy lives. Fortunately we have many wonderful blind dogs who act as ambassadors, inspiring their owners and everyone they meet. They are living proof that, whether born blind or having become blind later in life, these dogs, with support in a loving home, can develop the confidence to become an integral part of the family."

Inspector at meeting to talk over police changes

POLICE inspector Rik Klair will be a speaker at the meeting of St Oswald and Llanymynech Local Joint Committee, which will be held on October 8 at Morda Village Hall.

Inspector Klair will talk about changes in West Mercia Police, and there will also be news from Shropshire Fire and Rescue.

Tim Smith, Shropshire Council's north area commissioner, will also be there to discuss his role amid changes at the council. Also on the agenda are updates for the area on tourism, transport, the National Grid consultation, and the countywide broadband project.

The meeting will also hear feedback on several projects aimed at young people, including Llanymynech Skatepark.

Chairman of the committee, Arthur Wal-

pole, said: "These meetings provide a chance for people to tell councillors their views on local issues and services, and allow us to use our budget to benefit the local community."

"This will be a key opportunity for people to raise questions or concerns on important issues at the meeting, including tourism, National Grid proposals and broadband."

"We will also receive an update on previously-funded youth-related projects, and hope people will come along to hear more."

The committee has an annual budget of £15,500 to spend on community projects in the area, covering the parishes of Oswestry Rural, Llanfyllidwel, Llanymynech and Pant, Melverley, Kinnerley and Knockin.

For details on applying for funding, contact Corrie Davies, on (01691) 677306 or e-mail corrie.davies@shropshire.gov.uk

Calm and comfortable unit welcomed

PATIENTS at Oswestry's orthopaedic hospital have welcomed a new calm and comfortable unit for surgical admissions.

The new "admit on the day of surgery" unit was created in June after the relo-

cation of the hospital's minor injuries unit to Oswestry Medical Centre.

Feedback was collected from patients using the new ADOS unit during June, July and August, and has been reported back to the

hospital trust board. Some of the patients had visited the old ADOS unit and said the new area was much better.

Staff were also complimented on "a more personalised service".

TAXPAYERS in Llanfyllin could soon be asked if they want to pay higher council tax so locals and visitors alike can still spend a penny in the town's toilets.

But town councillors say the toilets, currently owned by Powys County Council, must be first brought back into proper working order before they decide whether to take on the cost of running them in the future.

Llanfyllin is one of several councils throughout Powys which has been asked by the

county council whether they want to take on the future maintenance and responsibility of the local loo.

The move has been made as part of a cost-cutting exercise by County Hall bosses.

Town councillors said at a meeting last week residents in Llanfyllin would have to be asked whether they would accept a higher council tax precept charge to meet the additional cost of running the toilets.

But they said first of all Powys County Council would have to invest in the toilets to bring them up to a reasonable standard.

Town councillor John Brautigam said: "We don't want the toilets to close."

"We have thought about this and if that building was in perfect order, if the drains were in perfect order, we might consider

by Graham Breeze

approaching the town and asking the townsfolk "are you prepared to pay the tax precept for the toilets".

"It might be £7, £8 or £9 per household which is a significant increase in terms of a percentage."

"But we can't do that because the building is a wreck."

Councillor Brautigam said part of the roof was in bad repair and the drains were a constant problem.

He said: "We can't even begin to consider it until this is put right. Can we have the building repaired and put into working order and then consider running it?"

Teenagers thank town's rotarians for financial help

YOUNG people from Oswestry have thanked the town's Rotary Club for its support after taking part in leadership courses organised by the organisation.

Rhianne Lloyd, 17, and Haydn Sanders, 18, were sponsored by the Rotary Club of Oswestry to attend the Rotary Young Leaders Awards event at Arthog in August.

The pair visited the club this week to talk about their experiences. Haydn, who goes to Shrewsbury College, said: "I think that it was probably the best thing I have ever done – so many lessons on teamwork and leadership that I am already putting into practice in my online business venture."

Rhianne, who is in the sixth form at The Marches School, said: "The four-day course was a wonderful experience. I found out a lot about myself and I certainly didn't expect to be pushed in the way that I was."

And Matthew Masters, who was the 2012/13 secretary at the club's Oswestry School Interact Club, reported back to the club after spending part of his summer in the USA at the Global Young Leaders' Conference.

"Starting in Washington and ending in New York, via Philadelphia it was so much more than a two-week sight-seeing holiday," he said.

"We discussed the interest of the county we were allocated, as well as preparing for a mock UN Security Council meeting and UN Summit on the last day, which actually took place in the UN building."

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NETWORKING events for women in business are planned at two towns in Mid Wales this month.

Mid Wales Chamber of Commerce and Mid Wales Manufacturing Group will be staging networking lunches at Newtown on October 10 and Llandrindod Wells on October 16.

Ladies joining the inaugural event, celebrating women in business, will hear from successful local business women and be inspired by their stories.

The events are seen as an ideal opportunity to network whilst enjoy-

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ing local cuisine. The events are hosted by Sue Charles, who is originally from Llandrindod Wells and is a familiar and friendly face and voice across BBC, as a news and weather presenter.

An interactive polling session will take place during the lunch to gauge opinion on a variety of issues affecting businesses in rural Wales.

"The aim is to tackle real issues with real feedback and real outcomes, although the lunch and networking will be great as well," said a spokeswoman. Booking is essential and places are limited so reserve your place now.

Contact Ceri Stephens on 01686 628024.

The Mid Wales Chamber of Commerce was established to support businesses across the counties of Powys and Ceredigion.

The chamber operates in partnership with the South Wales Chamber of Commerce and Mid Wales Manufacturing Group.

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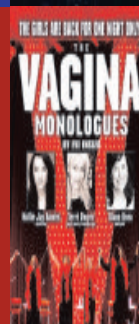
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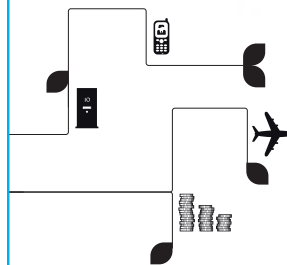
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NEWS

in brief

Group to hear talk on Telford

THE legacy and history of Thomas Telford's roads will be the topic for the next meeting of the Oswestry & Border History & Archaeology Group.

Bob Daimond, chairman of Trefadaeth Menai Heritage and former Director of Highways for Gwynedd, will be giving the talk on October 11 in Oswestry Memorial Hall at 7.30pm.

Mr Daimond, who is also a chartered civil engineer, walked across the Conwy suspension bridge dressed as Thomas Telford to mark the 250th anniversary of the bridge builder's birth in 2007.

New members and visitors are welcome – contact (01691) 690184.

Event looking at Middle East issue

OSWESTRY Coalition for Peace will be showing a documentary exploring the reactions when Israelis and Palestinians from different generations, backgrounds and political persuasions meet, talk and get to know each other.

Two Sided Story will be screened on October 11 at 7.30pm at Hermon, Chapel Street, Oswestry.

Entrance is free, but donations will be taken for the Friends of the Bereaved Families Forum.

For further information contact Dave Thomas on (01691) 661417.

Goldfinch's sweet birdsong almost caused its downfall

THE BBC recently questioned people to ascertain – in a rather trivial way – how British is Britain. It was decided that young people found British identity more attractive than older people.

To me, a few of the things that pop into my head when thinking of such a question is 'courage in the face of adversity', 'loyalty', 'royalty' and the 'green, green grass of home'.

Yet in England and Wales, the generation least likely to have ticked the box marked 'British' in the 2011 census to describe their national identity, are those who lived through the war and watched the sun set on the British Empire.

So be it. And maybe I'm wrong in my 'old fashioned' views, but seeing as this is a column on wildlife, there is one particular animal that, unlike the dragon of St George or the lions of Trafalgar, actually exists among our 'green hills' and once more, I think it can be seen to represent much of what makes many of us British.

There are just three species of goldfinches in the world – our familiar bird, plus two across the Atlantic; the widespread American and Lawrence's goldfinches, found in the south-west USA.

Our bird therefore is truly a native of our shores and this has served its needs for better and for worse over the course of British his-

ON THE WILD SIDE

by Ben Waddams



tory. Anyone who has an affinity for this species will undoubtedly admire it for its plumage and twittering song amongst other assets and the same sentiments were shared in Victorian times.

The popularity of goldfinches as a cage bird in Victorian Britain led to huge numbers being trapped to supply demand. The finches were trapped by a variety of methods including birdlime, clap nets and spring-loaded cages using a decoy and unsurprisingly, their populations crashed.

Trapped

The numbers of finches caught in a year could be huge. In 1860, for example, 132,000 were reputed to have been trapped; not in Britain as a whole, but at a single site; Worthing in Sussex.

The collective noun for a flock of goldfinches is 'a charm', this being derived from the old English c'irm, describing the birds' song. But as lovely as it must have been to wake up to beautifully plumed, exquisitely singing Goldfinches every morning, these creatures were not of course meant to be caged and

something had to be done about it.

In 1889, a group of forward thinking women (I'm not sure of their collective noun!) and began to protest initially about the plight of exotic birds such as egrets and birds of paradise that were being shot in vast numbers to supply British Victorian women with hat accessories.

They formed the Society for the Protection of Birds and in 1904 the rapidly successful group was given its royal charter.

After the effective exotic birds campaign, one of the society's next major priorities was halting the decline of the goldfinch.

This crusade again proved fruitful and goldfinch numbers began to rise steadily. The numbers of these birds have tailed off slightly in recent decades but they remain a 'green list' species by the RSPB and are of least conservation concern – a rather nice case of blowing one's own trumpet.

As autumn approaches and birds make a welcome return to our parks and gardens in Shropshire, this species in particular can be attracted by lashing now-dead thistle heads to a pole and sprinkling niger seeds over them.

So surely whether we consider ourselves British or not, we should all be delighted to welcome this truly indigenous bird into our gardens.

See Ben's new artwork at www.facebook.com/BenWaddamsWildlifeArtist



Goldfinch study – oil on board – by Ben Waddams

Pharmacy offering advice in campaign

A PUBLIC health campaign will encourage older people in Wales to visit their local pharmacy throughout October to find out how to stay well over the winter months.

The Winter Wellness pharmacy campaign is being run by all Welsh health boards, and is being coordinated by Public Health Wales, Community Pharmacy Wales and Age Cymru, with support from the Wales Centre for Professional Pharmacy Education, and Welsh libraries.

Sir Mansel Aylward, chairman of Public Health Wales, said: "Most excess winter deaths in Wales happen to people aged 65 and over, so getting the message out about winter wellness to these individuals and others at risk is so important.

"Cold homes have a significant impact on people's health and one of the best ways of keeping well during winter is to stay warm. Keeping warm over the winter months can help prevent coughs and colds as well as more serious health conditions such as influenza, pneumonia, heart attacks, strokes, and depression."

Rhian Pearce, Age Cymru's Keep Well this Winter coordinator, added: "During the campaign we advise older people about things they can do, such as getting a flu jab and keeping their homes warm."



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Three Emilys were pioneers

Rotarians help out at games



Kath Renshaw, as she was being called by then, back home in Shrewsbury showing the costume she wore at a "waxwork carnival" in Oswestry in 1930.



The three Emilys? The girls in the front row marked with crosses are believed to have been the first three trainees at the "cripples training college" at Gobowen. In the middle is Emily Renshaw, who began using her middle name Kathleen to avoid confusion.

by Toby Neal

THEY were called Emily, Emily, and Emily, and were destined to be Shropshire pioneers.

In the 1920s Shropshire Orthopaedic Hospital employed what were then called cripples to do work like padding leather splints and making surgical boots.

But in 1927 it went a step further by creating a "cripples' training college" devoted to giving the disabled the skills that would enable them to make a living.

It was the beginnings of what soon became known as Derwen College.

And, if Mrs Jean Roe is right, there was a remarkable coincidence when it came to choosing the first trainees.

"When they decided to open this col-

lege, Dame Agnes Hunt approached my mum and two other girls. They were best friends," she said.

"My mum's name was Emily Kathleen Renshaw, and another was an Emily with a very similar surname to Renshaw, although I can't remember it."

She thinks the third girl was also called Emily, although is not really sure.

In any event, if there were indeed three Emilys at the start, this did not last for long.

"Because of the confusion, my mum took on her second name, Kathleen, and was known as Kath," she added.

Kath - as we shall now call her - was born in Shrewsbury in 1911, so would have been in her mid-teens at the time.

At the age of seven she had complained of pains in her foot. The hospital at Shrewsbury diagnosed TB ankle and amputated her leg below the knee.

Memorabilia

It was her after-care which took her to the Oswestry hospital where, Mrs Roe says, Dame Agnes said she should never have lost her foot. It was not TB, but stretched sinews.

The youngster simply made the best of things.

Mrs Roe, from Broseley, has many pictures and memorabilia relating to her



The blacksmith's shop at Derwen in 1935.

late mother which throw fascinating light on those early years of the Derwen.

Her mum's reference from June 1935, under the letter heading of "Derwen Cripples' Workshops, Oswestry", tells how "Miss Kathleen Renshaw was employed in the splint-making department of the Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital from 1926 to 1927 when the workshops were taken over by the Derwen Cripples' Training College and Workshops. She remained here until October 1934."

Mrs Roe thinks the first trainees were girls, and there were no boys until later, although a book about the history of the hospital differs on this point.

The book, called *The Heritage of Oswestry*, tells how Dame Agnes "collected four boys being trained in the blacksmith's shop and two girls from the splint-making department and solemnly informed them that they were 'The Shropshire Orthopaedic Training School for Cripples'."

She says they were suitably impressed but wondered what was going to happen next."

In any event, one particular boy was to change the life of Kath, who was a tall - about 5ft 10ins or 5ft 11ins - and striking young lady. But that is a story for another time...

MEMBERS of Borderland Rotary club joined dozens of colleagues from across its district at the 12th Rotary Disabled Games at the Field of Dreams, Bank of America, in Chester.

Physically and mentally disabled people of all ages had the opportunity to try archery, boccia, carpet bowls, cricket, darts, new age kurling, table tennis, tennis and others sports, with medals being awarded to all.

The Borderland club, which meets in Oswestry, ran the tennis event.

Members spent all day launching balls to the players, then searching the area picking up balls they had hit back. The aim was to encourage rallies between those taking part.

Club president Merrick Corfield said: "It was great seeing these people having such a good time."

"The smiles on their faces will be something we will all take away from the day."

Town lessons on Christianity

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Art gallery is due to host series of live gigs**By Pam Griffin****AN ART** gallery will be hosting a series of live music events over the next three months.

Live @ The Willow will see four bands take to the stage at the Willow Gallery in Willow Street, Oswestry.

Two trial events have already been held at the venue and proved so successful an autumn/winter programme has been drawn up.

Lindsay Chaplin, from the Willow Eatery, part of the gallery, said: "We've done two so far and everyone says it's been a great atmosphere."

Awards

"We've been doing food as well and that's gone down really well."

The first act, on October 18, will be award-winning Moore Moss Rutter, which scooped the Radio 2 Young Folk Awards in 2011.

November 15 will see The Devil's Chair Ceilidh Band leading a lively evening of Scottish dancing, and four-piece band Songdog, who have appeared at international festivals in Japan, Canada, Spain and Sweden, performing on November 29.

Rounding out the year will be The Gregory S Davies Band, who will be playing a pre-Christmas gig on December 20.

The programme was initiated by the gallery's curator, Tereska Shepherd.

Miss Chaplin said: "Tereska wanted to bring more people in to the gallery and incorporate music in with the art and food."

"It has been a good response. We had 70 people for the first event, which had two bands, and 45 for the second,

**Folk band Moore Moss Rutter who will be performing at the Willow Gallery in Oswestry's first Live session on October 18.**

which only had one band, and hopefully we'll get some more in for these events."

All of events run from 7pm to 10pm and tickets cost £7 each, with season tickets for four events available at £25.

All tickets should be booked in advance.

The Willow Eatery will be serving food during the performances but tables must be booked and pre-orders are required. Call the gallery on (01691) 657575, e-mail willowartgallery@oswestry@gmail.com or visit www.willowartgallery.co.uk

The gallery has finalised its autumn

programme of courses and workshops, including day and evening classes for adults and children.

It includes stained glass, felt-making, pastels, oil painting and print-making. The gallery will be running a series of Young Artists after-school workshops, allowing children to have fun exploring a variety of artistic techniques with projects ranging from book making to sculpture.

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Blues pair are back to entertain at free gig

GIG GUIDE

with Edward Roberts

THERE'S an interesting assortment of gigs and other events on this week, with something for everyone.

This week's main pick is the 'Jazz Charity Event' at St Nicholas Church, Montgomery, on Saturday.

The event will feature music from local Jazz legends John Williams and The Mike Blakesely Quintet.

Based in Shropshire, John Williams has been a key part of the British jazz scene for many years, having cut his teeth as the leader of the resident Big Band at the Marquee club in London.

He has since gone on to gain international acclaim for his work as a saxophonist and composer.

Over the years he has toured and worked with such esteemed musicians as Gladys Knight, O.C. Smith and Oscar Peterson. He was also part of the star studded band that recorded the first complete version of Duke Ellington's 'Black, Brown and Beige' in 1972. He will be performing with The Mike Blakesely Quintet, who are also well known for their impact on the British Jazz scene.

The band is headed by trombonist Mike Blakesley, who first came to prominence in the 1960s with his work with the Gerry Brown Jazzmen.

He once toured with the great Louis Armstrong and has played with such notable musicians as Billy Butterfield,



Blues duo Sam Newth and Paul Wallis who will be making a return to the Lowfield Inn, Marton, tomorrow night.

Bud Freeman and Hank Lawson.

You can expect amazing musicianship with music by the likes of Duke Ellington, Sonny Rollins and Gerry Mulligan. The show is at 7.30pm tickets £10, the money will go towards church building preservation fund.

Blues duo Sam Newth and Paul Wallis will be making a return to the Lowfield Inn, Marton, tomorrow night (Friday). Considered one of the finest blues guitarists in Shropshire, Paul Wallis wows with his superb playing, wringing every note from his vintage Fender Stratocaster.

Sam meanwhile handles backing duties with his trusty acoustic guitar,

providing a solid foundation for Paul's lead work, with both taking care of vocals. The pair play a variety of covers ranging from the music of Mark Knopfler to Jimi Hendrix, with some slide guitar and harmonica thrown in for good measure. The gig starts at 8pm and is free entry.

The soulful Beth Prior will be at the Royal Oak, Welshpool, on Friday night.

A regular performer at the venue, Beth is gifted with an amazing singing voice. The gig starts at 9pm and is free.

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The six-wheel Fiat Chieftain SE Auto-Trail has a 2.3-litre engine

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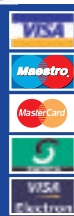
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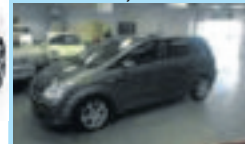
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OSWESTRY Ladies Hockey team suffered last-hit disappointment as they drew with early Shropshire Leanne division two leaders Crewe.

The Oswestry side came back from 2-1 down to lead 3-3 with the clock ticking away, but the host scored with the last play of the game to level at 3-3.

On another warm Saturday saw Oswestry travelled to Alsager and, missing a few regulars, it was important that a strong team performance was given.

After a slight detour on route, Oswestry were slow out of the blocks – allowing a physically strong Crewe side to place lots of pressure on the Oswestry goal, which was soon rewarded with a goal.

A second was scored before half-time by Crewe, but this galvanised the Oswestry team who started to increase the pressure, winning a number of short corners.

Continued battling in the 'D' won Oswestry a penalty flick which Jo Campbell calmly converted to score her first goal for the club and the first half ended 2-2 to the hosts.

A strong half-time team talk ensured that a determined Oswestry took to the field at the start of the second half. This was rewarded with continued pressure on the Crewe goal.

Oswestry's passing was making strong inroads and this was rewarded with an equalising goal from a short corner, scored by Tracey Royle – and soon after a goal from Sandra Jones which allowed Oswestry to take the lead.

Unfortunately, they were unable to capitalise on a series of opportunities and short corners. One final Crewe break, allowed them to score with the last hit of the game, meaning that the final score was 3-3.

Nevertheless, this was a performance that Oswestry could be proud of as once again they proved that they could compete at this level.

Special thanks must go to Anna James, for volunteering and playing her first game in goal – and making a number of crucial saves.

Next week Oswestry take on Golbourne – the new league leaders – at the Marches, looking for another good performance.

Good times despite the weather

MORE THAN 1,300 runners took to the roads around Lake Vyrnwy for the annual half-marathon on a cold and wet North Wales day.

The Oswestry Olympians seniors were out in force and despite the conditions, some excellent times were recorded.

Ian Lowe and Alison Lavender led the way home for the Olympians while there were personal best times for both Tania Brandon and Julie Davies.

RESULTS: 1 Ben Fish M 01:08:05 Blackburn Harriers; 34 Ian Lowe M40 01:20:21; 38 Alison Lavender F 01:20:42; 58 Gary Owens M45 01:24:24; 211 Paul Brown M45 01:34:48; 230 Chris Hesketh M45 01:36:08; 245 Gary Clarke M 01:36:49; 01:37:01; 277 Tania Brandon F45 01:37:02 PB; 284 Julie Davies F31 01:39:09 PB; 285 Tim Gears M 01:39:10; 302 Jacki Jarvis F50 01:39:50; 323 Michael Scott M40:07; 410 Neil Ballard Speake M55 01:42:07; 411 Neil Ballard M50 01:44:52; 647 Ellen Harrison F55 01:53:02; 651 Robert Whittall M 01:53:09; 727 Karen Owens F40 01:57:01; 912 Rob Davies M45 02:04:17.



The Elite fighters (from left): Ollie Morris, Gareth Burns, Rich Cosgrove, Stephen Andrews and Irann Lane prepare for the Cannock bill

Ollie joins fighting Elite

OLLIE Morris, one of the Oswestry-based Elite Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) group's most talented fighters makes his semi-professional debut later this month.

The 17-year-old will be stepping into the cage at Cannock on October 19 after training with Elite since he was 14, where he also helps coach the juniors.

Morris has stepped up his training in readiness for the fight alongside nine other club members who will be on the Cannock bill as amateurs.

Rich Jones, Paul Edwards, Neil Cooke, Tom Husbands, Gareth Jones, Ian Willcock, Andy Hunt, Damian Daszkowski and Dan Wright will all be fighting – and for many of them it will be their last amateur fight before stepping up join Morris at semi-professional level.

Elite's Gareth Burns will be fighting for the national semi-pro welterweight title at a Punch Up Promotions event in Birmingham on November 23.

Irann Laner and Steve Andrews will be on the same bill.

Elite head coach, Rich Cosgrove, will be fighting at Rage in the Cage on November 30 in Stoke-on-Trent against Leon del Gaudio for the professional lightweight title belt.

Elite has grown from strength to strength over the seven years it has been running, proving a force to be reckoned with in the MMA world.

Elite are confident that they will have five professional fighters in their ranks over the next year and their hope is they will produce a world champion MMA fighter.

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Foxes on the scent in chase for title

CROSS FOXES are the new leaders of the Roche North Shropshire Sunday League after a 1-0 win over previous unbeaten Malpas.

Foxes had a great chance to take the lead on 56 minutes when they were awarded a penalty but Carl Harris could only strike the bar from the spot.

However, Ben Pierpoint was not to be denied when grabbing the winner in the 65th minute.

An 80th-minute strike from Richard Chamberlain earned THE KEYS a 4-3 win at TAVERN after the visitors had levelled three times through John Delaney, Sean Melusi and Aiden Vickers. Tavern had led courtesy of Andy Garmston (2) and Kian Curly.

Newcomers LODGE INN won their first match in the league when beating point-less DUDESTON HEATH 5-3 away.

Kyle Leightwood and Matthew Howells gave the Lodge a 2-0 lead at half-time, and substitute Calvin Roberts made it 3-0 with Matt Hutchinson pulling one back for Duleston.

Sam Nash made it 4-1 and Roberts stretched the advantage to 5-1 before Duleston dug in and fought back, scoring twice late on through Bradley Holmes and Dave Powell.

THE OAK moved up into third spot after beating ATHLETICO MARKET 9-3, with Dave Hartshorn scoring five.

Nathan Richards, Ben Williams, Paul Kirkham and Jordan Gerrard netted one goal each while Karl Bailey, Market's leading scorer, bagged a hat-trick in a losing cause.

Fixtures for Sunday October 6: Malpas v Tavern, Oak Inn v Cross Foxes, Athletic Market v Lodge Inn.

Jones grabs a treble for six-hitters

LLANYMYNECH under-12s were the club's biggest scorers when hitting Market Drayton Tigers Cubs for six. Antoine McArde-Joob and Luke Jones both scored hat-tricks in the 6-2 win.

Llanymynech under-eights succumbed 5-1 to SAHA despite a fine goal from Louis Cadwallader-Maddox, while the under-nines finished 1-1 with Prees Panthers, Coran Green scoring from the penalty spot while keeper Harvey Lewis put in a good display in goal.

The under-10s overcame Prees Jaguars 5-3 through Thomas Williams (2), Josh Wynne (2) and Ryan Edwards, while keeper Theo Buttery was Llanymynech's man of the match.

Llany under-11s lost 6-0 to unbeaten Shrewsbury Junior Colts, while the under-13s were beaten 3-1 by Whitechurch, Joe Greybrook getting their reply.

The club's under-14 Lions went down 5-2 at top of the table Shrewsbury Juniors and were soon up against it when infantia captain Jack Foulkes hobbled off after 10 minutes before returning in the second half.

Man of the match for a string of excellent saves was Ewan James.

Llanymynech under-15s saw off Shrewsbury Juniors 4-0 with a Josh Rowley hat-trick, Nathan Buckley getting the other while captain Josh Biggs was man of the match. Llanymynech under-16s had a goalless draw with Shawbury.

COBRA rediscover their bite and it's fangs to Williams**RUGBY**
by John Bidgwater

A WELCOME appearance from fly-half Llew Williams helped COBRA get back to winning ways in the Swalec League division one (north) with a 33-8 home success over lowly Nant Conwy.

After winning their first match following promotion to the first division, the Meifod side suffered two losses to slip into the lower reaches of the table.

But they got back on track with a fully-deserved home success over Nant Conwy, spurred on by a large crowd as it was the club's Presidents Day. A fourth try late on also brought them a bonus point.

Williams made his first appearance of the season, returning for a run-out with the Llanfair Caeirin club despite being away this year – and left his stamp on the game with 16 points.

COBRA dominated from the first whistle, Williams landing a good long-range penalty. Another kick hit the post, but the incident ended with prop Hywel Jones powering over for his third try of the season; Williams converted.

Two more penalties from the fly-half had the hosts 16-0 up before Nant – who themselves had players out – reduced the arrears before half-time with a try from their winger and then added a penalty early in the second period.

Complete

However, the Meifod men underlined their dominance with a second touchdown from No.8 Aled Davies after a good drive into the 22, before Williams crossed following a sniping run down the blindside. Both scores were unconverted. Winger Richard Jones then went over for a fourth try with the last play of the game to secure a bonus point, Williams converting to complete a good day's work.

Next up is a trip to Denbigh on Saturday, with COBRA again forced to make changes.

Injury-hit WELSHPOOL are still without a win in division three (north) after slumping 31-3 at home to Harlech who took charge of the encounter with four first-half tries.

Having to make several changes, particularly in the back line, the Maesdyre side were up against it.

Harlech took advantage to surge ahead in the first half but, after some words of encouragement from coach Dave Roberts at half-time, Pool emerged with renewed purpose for the second period.

With No.8 Ryan Goodwin and prop Will Johns both having tremendous games, the home side restricted their hosts to just one more score, while Daley Jones kicked a penalty in an encouraging response.

Depleted Pool, with a lengthening injury list, will be grateful for a free weekend – they have a bye in the first round of the Swalec Bowl. Centre Dave Jones faces a spell on the sidelines after it was confirmed he broke his hand the previous week in the last-gasp loss to Flint.

Goal-crazy Saints U19s net a dozen

THE goals flowed as TNS under-19s thrashed Penrhyncoch 12-0, led by a hat-trick from Ben Richards.

Rhys Cooper also netted twice, with Jamie Hands, Jordan Wells, Liam Walker, Harvey Holmes, Sam Prince and Taylor James also on the mark.

Not to be outdone, TNS under-16s also fired 12 without reply against Newtown, as Lewis Evans and Sam Gostage both scored four goals apiece with Nash Mwamuka, George Minshall, Ayman Sekkouti and Matt Perry adding the rest.

Elsewhere, TNS under-14s beat Newtown 5-2 courtesy of a hat-trick from Ross Hardy and a brace from Zak Dobie. Jordan Tipping scored two times as TNS under-13s edged out Prestatyn Town 3-2 with Darren Evans also on target.

The under 12s won their first of the season as they saw off Newtown 7-2 with Tai Jones and Isaac Dawson both netting twice, along with Callum Evans, Cameron James and Max Kulibda.



Ouch – COBRA's winger Mat Jones is stopped in his tracks by a high tackle during his side's 33-8 win over Nant Conwy during the club's president's day last Saturday. Pictures: Lynne Owen

Eagles looking to hit back after lacklustre show

LACKLUSTRE Oswestry II suffered a 20-9 loss at Linley II in a winnable game in the Raging Bull North West League division four (south).

The Eagles got off to a bad start with poor commitment leaving them with 14 men to travel until Sam Hodgson gave up his Saturday at very short notice to give his side a bare 15.

After Linley took the lead with an unconverted try, stern words by captain Tom Sproule paid dividends as the Eagles then worked hard to earn a penalty landed by Mike Owen. However, Oswestry then lost the momentum gained and allowed Linley to score a preventable try through poor tackling, again unconverted.

Heroic defending by scrum-half Andy McPierce and full-back Iwan Ellis prevented further tries for Linley, before two more penalties from Owen reduced the arrears to 10-9.

The second half then continued in the same manner, with Oswestry on the back foot from the off, but were spared by some good last ditch tackling by Iwan Willis.

However, the hosts were not to be denied, and their centre ghosted through the visiting defence to score an unconverted try.

The Eagles upheld their game, and a break by Gaz Ellis almost allowed Willis to score, but the referee deemed it a forward pass, much to the chagrin of the visitors.

The game remained evenly balanced, with man-of-the-match Sproule showing his hooking skills, winning several scrums against the head. But good driving maul by Linley after poor discipline and a poor line-out by the Eagles allowed them to score a try, again unconverted.

The visitors finally seemed to shrug off the journey and started applying pressure with Gaz Ellis being tripped with the line at his mercy, deemed by the referee accidental.

Despite late pressure, there was no way through, leaving Oswestry to reflect on what might have been and looking to get back on track at home to Old Bedians on Saturday.



Cobra's Andrew Price shakes off a defender on his way to the Nant Conwy line

GOLF RETURNS**OSWESTRY**

September Medal – division one: 1 Mike Jones 73-8=65*, 2 Mick Dickens 73-8=65, 3 Stuart Jones 76-10=66, 4 Darren Pardoe 72-4=68*, 5 John Ruth 77-9=68, 6 Neil Jones 78-9=69*, **Division two:** 1 Mervyn Williams 82-15=67, 2 Paul Evans 80-12=68, 3 Andrew Sharnon 81-12=69*, 4 Stuart Bell 81-12=69*, 5 Jez Mellors 84-15=69, 6 Ryan Hartley 83-13=70*, **Division three:** 1 Richard Pickles 85-18=67, 2 Lee Evans 96-26=70*, 3 Ian Washington 92-22=70, 4 Stephen Hibbert 89-18=71, 5 David Cogan 90-17=73*, 6 Stephen Pearce 89-16=73*, **Best gross:** Darren Pardoe 72. *Countback

Turkey Trail Sep 29: 1 Steve Evans 67, 2 Richard Williams 73, 3 Jim Mason 73, 4 Ken Stephens 73. **Turkey Trail September 28:** 1 Darren Pugh 41pts, 2 Dan Stephens 38pts, 3 Steve Morris 38pts, 4 Richard Evans 38pts.

■ In the Seniors competition held on Thursday, September 26, the two winners of the 4888 Silver, with a score of 72, are in fact both new members at Welshpool this year. Paul Marshall attended the New2Golf lessons at Welshpool in 2012, then subsequently joined as a full member in January this year, and Keith Roberts joined in June 2013.

SPORT

Willcock is among the goals again for Crosses

OWAIN Willcock was again among the goals with a brace as Four Crosses kept their flag flying in the FAW Trophy with a 3-1 home passage against Bow Street.

Willcock scored twice the previous week in his side's remarkable 6-6 draw with Iulith Wells in the Spar Mid Wales League division one, but this time his efforts proved enough to secure victory in the second round tie, with Andrew Webb also on the mark.

In-form BERRIEW, who defeated Llanfair in the Montgomeryshire Cup earlier in the week, also progressed to the third round of the trophy courtesy of a hard-fought 3-1 win at Presteigne with Christian Webster, Karl Seliaerts and Elliott Jones on the mark.

After a goalless first half, Berriew made a flying start to the second period with three goals in the first 15 minutes

Webster scored the first after Seliaerts beat a couple of men in the box and squared it giving his teammate an open goal.

The second was the opposite of the first, with Webster cutting in from the right and cutting it across the face of goal for Seliaerts to score.

Berriew then hit their hosts on the break with a six-pass move with Seliaerts again involved putting the cross in for Elliott to make it 3-0.

Presteigne got one back with 20 minutes left through Lee Sutton but didn't really threaten after that as the game petered out.

DYFFRYN BANW gave themselves a boost as they saw off visiting Llanfyllin 4-2 with goals from Guto Lewis, Tom Foulkes, Eddie Vaughan and Ryan Jones.

WELSHPOOL TOWN are also through to the third round, but did not need to kick a ball in anger after visitors Talgarth failed to show.

Kerry broke out 3-0 at home to Machynlleth, while struggling MONTGOMERY forfeited their tie at Barmouth after failing to raise a team.

Meanwhile, LLANFAIR UNITED missed a chance of closing the gap on the leading pack in the Spar Mid Wales League division one after being edged out 2-1 at home to WATERLOO ROVERS, whose Barry Haralombous bagged a late winner.

After a goalless first half, Charlie Proctor put Rovers ahead before Ryan Davis levelled from a Paul Griffiths corner.

Lowly LLANSANTFFRAID VILLAGE gave themselves a timely tonic with a 4-2 win at rock botom Dolgellau to lift themselves away from the basement regions.

Saints slip to new low

ST MARTINS slipped to the foot of the West Midlands League division one after losing 1-0 at basement rivals Wolverhampton United.

Still looking for their first win of the season, the Saints went again for one into major changes after several players pulled out, and travelled with three goalkeepers.

Some fine saves from Jake Northwood kept the hosts at bay in the first half but he was beaten just before half-time when Tommy Lawton dipped in following some defensive hesitation.

St Martins came out for the second half with purpose as they dominated, with Chris Smout going close with a couple of free kicks.

Late penalty saves a point for Guilsfield

A LATE fightback earned Guilsfield a 2-2 home draw with 10-man Flint Town United to stretch their unbeaten run to four games in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance.

Matt Burton's side looked to be heading for defeat as a Mark Winslade brace on 67 and 82 minutes had the Deesiders in charge.

But the Mid Wales hosts showed plenty of spirit to salvage a point. Gareth Jones pulled one back five minutes from time before top scorer Danny Barton levelled with a penalty deep into injury time, his 10th goal of the season.

After a tight first half, the encounter sprang to life in the second period with play becoming much more open and stretched.

Flint took the lead after the hosts had lost possession in midfield and a through ball found striker Winslade bearing down on goal to slot home.

The match appeared to turn on its head a minute later when Flint defender Matt Harvey was shown a straight red after bringing down Barton on the edge of the box.

The resulting free-kick saw Darren Beech crash his curling shot off the crossbar.

The Guils still appeared to have the edge; however, despite being a player short, Flint managed to double their lead eight minutes from time with Winslade netting again with a skilful turn and shot from 10 yards.

The Guils looked shell-shocked but managed to exert pressure against the 10 men and Barton's physical presence was causing concern to the Flint rearguard.

The home side were given some hope with Jones bundling in their first goal after connecting with a right-wing cross from Beech.

The equaliser came with the last kick of the

game three minutes into injury time as Flint defenders and keeper dallied in the box and Beech nipped in only to be brought down.

Referee Nick Pratt was on the spot to award a dramatic penalty and the league's top scorer Barton stepped up and smashed home the spot-kick to the relief of the home fans.

LLANRHAEADR remain rooted to the foot of the table after crashing 4-0 at Llandudno whose Toby Jones fired a hat-trick on 20, 64 and 79 minutes after Eddie Jebb had opened the scoring just before the quarter-hour.

The villagers battled hard but, without the likes of Josh Wood (ankle) and George Hughes (suspension) in midfield, it was always going to prove a tough ask.

They had their chances with Matty Jones striking the bar with a free-kick while also rattling the woodwork from open play.

PLACINGS

Huws Gray Alliance

Clubs	P	W	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Cefn Druids	9	7	0	23	3	20	22
Caeffwrdd	9	7	1	28	11	17	22
Caeffwrdd	9	6	2	24	12	12	19
Conwy Borough	9	6	1	24	6	18	20
Flint Town United	9	4	4	15	15	0	13
Portmadog	9	4	4	15	19	-1	13
Llandudno	8	3	2	19	11	8	12
Guilsfield	8	3	3	15	15	0	12
Holyhead Hotspur	8	3	3	14	16	-2	11
Penrhynoch	8	3	3	16	24	-8	10
Rhayader Town	8	3	5	10	19	-9	10
Rhydymwyn	8	3	6	7	24	-17	9
Llandudno Town	9	2	5	13	17	-4	8
Penrhynoch	8	1	4	15	17	-2	6
Buckley Town	9	0	4	11	20	-9	5
Llanrhadridd YM	9	1	6	26	18	8	4
Saturday's fixtures (2.00):							
Caeffwrdd v Llanrhadridd, Caeffwrdd v Guilsfield, Cefn Druids v Portmadog, Conwy Borough v Rhayader Town, Flint v Llandudno, Llandudno Town v Buckley Town, Penrhynoch v Holyhead Hotspur, Rhydymwyn v Penrhynoch.							

Finley's five-minute treble inspires TNS's six-shooters



FOOTBALL
by John Bridgwater

The New Saints 6 Carmarthen T O

SAM Finley fired one of the fastest ever hat-tricks in Welsh Premier history as The New Saints hit Carmarthen for six to sound an ominous warning to their rivals.

After Chris Jones had given the Saints a seventh minute lead, midfielder Finley then struck his quickfire treble inside five minutes before substitute Matty Williams (36) made it five at the break.

Carmarthen were spared an even bigger mauling as just one goal followed in the second half when sub Greg Draper found the net 12 minutes from time.

But the damage had been done with the early rampage, with Finley taking centre stage for the defending champions with his stunning treble.

"If anyone deserves a hat-trick like that, it's Sam for all his hard work and effort," said head coach Carl Darlington. "He deserves a lot of credit, but it was also a fantastic achievement for the whole team to put six goals past a Carmarthen side who came here bang in form."

Carmarthen arrived at Park Hall in upbeat mood following a fine start to the season, but were soon on the back foot as wingman Jones gave the hosts the perfect start when latching on to a pass from Milde Wilde before crashing his shot past keeper Stephen Cann.

And they were soon reeling as tenacious midfielder Finley pillaged three goals in a five minute spell, leaving TNS a remarkable 4-0 up after just 17 minutes.

He opened his account on 13 minutes when breaking upfield before firing home from just inside the box and then repeated the feat with an almost identical goal a minute later.

Then on 17 minutes, Finley then ran down the left before eluding a Carmarthen challenge to claim his third with powerful drive into the corner of the net to leave the visitors totally shell-shocked.

The West Wales men did hit the bar through Christian Doidge's header, but Williams added a fifth with a close range finish before half-time to dispell any thoughts of a remarkable fightback.

TNS were in cruise control in the second half, with Williams and Kai Edwards both going close with powerful efforts from outside the box.

Defender Phil Baker rattled the Old Gold bar with a fine effort, Chris Marriot hit the outside of the post with another curling strike, before New Zealand ace Draper rounded-off the Saints' fourth win on the trot after Jones had floated an inviting cross into the box.

TNS youngster Nyasha Mwamuka has been called up to the Welsh under-16s squad for the Sky Victory Shield games that will take place in October and November.

The four home nations will compete in the tournament with the first fixture for Wales being an away game against England on Friday, October 4.

Following that game, the young Dragons will take on Scotland on October 21 in Aberystwyth, before facing Northern Ireland in Bangor on November, 21.

Mwamuka, who currently plays for the TNS under-16s, has already represented Wales and has a bright future ahead of him.

■ The Walford and North Shropshire Scholarship teams had some mixed results in their latest action.

The Elite One squad lost out 3-0 to Birmingham Met, while the Elite Two squad managed a 3-3 draw with New College Telford and the Walford & North Shropshire College. The development team were 2-1 winners against Wolverhampton College thanks to goals from Garry Evans and Jake Mantell.



Martin Cheeseaman - made the breakthrough for FC Oswestry Town. Picture: Ian Jones.

It's win No.9 as Dyke goal keeps Oswestry on top

HIGH-RIDING FC Oswestry Town are on cloud nine in the Merccian Regional League division one after maintaining their winning streak with a 2-0 success at Wrockwade Wood Juniors.

Victory, their ninth on the trot, keeps Nick Maguire's men in pole position - six points clear of their nearest rivals.

Town now stand top of the table with nine wins from nine matches and take a break from the league on Saturday when they travel to Market Drayton to face the Tigers in the first round of the Shropshire Challenge Cup.

OSWESTRY VILLA, in fourth spot, suffered their first loss in six outings when going down 2-0 at Meole Brace who secured their second win in a row through Jamie Wallace and Junior Walker.

OSWESTRY VILLA RES remain second from bottom in division two after their 2-0 home reverse to Spalgia Britannia.

The Shropshire Challenge Cup takes centre stage on Saturday, with Villa hosting Shawbury reserves, while Villa's reserves look for a timely boost when they head to Rock Rovers.

Ultimate victory as Stewart hits four in 10-0 win

IT WAS a perfect 10 for Oswestry Ultimates who swept aside visiting Bayston Hill 10-0 with Jay Stewart scoring four and Cameron Bache a hat-trick.

Robbie Bateman netted twice, with Charlie Humphreys getting the other goal, while Ryan Boyd was player of the match.

OSWESTRY BOYS CLUB under-14s drew 2-2 in Shrewsbury with Up and Comers Hawks.

A hard-fought game saw the visitors come back from two goals down early on through Lewis Birch and Curtis Weatman.

Next up is a cup game at home against Market Drayton.

The club's under-16s were disappointed to draw 2-2 with last season's league winners Up and Comers Hawks.

Oswestry had chances to win the game.

They led twice, Louis Morris opening the scoring when a deflected shot looped over the keeper.

In the second half they played some good football and deservedly went in front again.

But their opponents levelled for a second time. Oswestry man of the match was Ishtiaque Rashid.

MERCIAN LEAGUE ROUND-UP

PREMIER DIVISION							DIVISION 2								
	P	W	L	F	A	GD	Pts		P	W	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Oakengates Ath.	8	5	1	22	10	12	21	AFC Broseley	9	8	0	29	5	25	20
Telford Juniors	6	5	0	21	5	16	16	Wrock Wood	9	7	0	42	30	12	23
Whitchurch Alp R.	9	4	2	15	10	5	14	Market Drn Tgrs	9	6	2	36	17	19	19
FC Hodnet	8	4	2	11	10	1	14	Donington	8	5	3	24	12	12	16
Weston Rhyn	8	3	2	15	13	2	12	AFC Wellington	8	5	2	21	16	5	16
Shinhal United	9	3	4	13	14	-1	11	Impact	7	4	1	33	14	19	14
Madeley Sports	8	3	4	10	12	-2	10	Claverley	8	3	4	23	17	6	9
Katley Bank Utd	7	3	3	11	5	6	9	Spalgia Britannia	8	3	5	14	40	-26	9
Pres	7	3	1	13	3	10	9	Shrewsbury Utd R.8	2	6	1	46	32	-16	6
Ketley Town	6	3	3	9	13	-4	9	Highley Miners	7	1	4	16	22	-6	5
Morda United	7	2	3	17	18	-1	8	Aldington Juniors	7	1	5	12	30	-18	4
Church Stretton	7	2	3	12	14	-2	8	Oswestry Villa R.	8	1	7	8	32	-24	3
Bridgnorth T Res.	1	1	10	15	5	-6	3	Dens	8	0	8	10	41	-31	0
Wellington Am's	7	1	3	10	15	-5	3	Premier division: Church Stretton 2, Ketley Bank 1, Oakengates Athletic 1, Hodnet 1, Pres 1, Madeley Sports 3, Shinhal Utd 5, Allscott 0, Telford Juniors 4, Morda United 2, Wellington Amateurs Reserves 0, Weston Rhyn 0, Whitchurch Alport Reserves 4, Ketley Town 0.							
Allscott	6	0	4	6	16	-10	0	Division one: Clee Hill 2, Rock Rovers 2, Hamwood Utd Reserves 6, Hopesgate Utd 1, Meole Brace 2, Oswestry Villa 0, Oakengates Rangers 2, Brown Clee 1, Shrewsbury Utd 1, Shawbury Utd Reserves 1, Wrockwade Wood Juniors 0, Oswestry Town 2, Wroxeter Rovers 3, Bishops Castle Town 0.							
DIVISION 1							DIVISION 2								
	P	W	L	F	A	GD	Pts		P	W	L	F	A	GD	Pts
Oswestry Town	9	9	0	46	8	38	27	AFC Broseley 11, Shrewsbury Utd Reserves 0, AFC Wellington 0, Impact Utd 2, Claverley 1, Wrockwade Wood 3, Donington 1, Dringdon Sports 14, Highley Miners Welfare 1, Aldington Juniors 2, Market Drayton Tigers 3, Ludlow Town Colts 2, Oswestry Villa Reserves 0, Spalgia Britannia 2.							
Meole Brace	7	7	0	38	4	34	21								
Bishops Castle T	8	6	2	39	24	15	18								
Oswestry Villa	8	5	2	28	13	15	16								
Clee Hill	8	4	2	12	10	2	13								
Dawley Town	8	4	2	24	23	1	12								
Hamwood Utd Res	6	4	1	34	11	23	13								
Wroxeter Rovers	5	2	12	6	6	0	8								
Meole Brace	8	3	5	12	49	-37	9								
Shawbury Utd Res	8	1	5	10	23	-13	3								
Brown Clee	8	1	6	14	26	-12	4								
Oakengates Bgn	8	1	6	30	21	9	4								
Shrewsbury Utd	9	1	7	17	49	-32	3								
Wrockwade Wood Jns	8	1	7	11	36	-25	3								
Hopesgate United	9	0	7	14	38	-24	2								

Ayl-change Morda are made to pay for errors

MISTAKES proved costly as a much-changed Morda United side suffered a 4-2 reverse at unbeaten Telford Juniors to remain in the lower half of the Merccian Regional League premier division.

Despite competing well and grabbing goals from Paul Bache and Mike Lloyd, the visitors' efforts were not enough as the home side capitalised on errors to hit four.

Manager Craig Rogers entered this game without regulars Ian Heathcock, Paul Hughes and Gareth Lewis and was also without the services of new keeper Tony Davies.

Morda went behind on 13 minutes when Kieran Hunt was beaten by a long free kick from Danny Lowry and within three minutes the home side were two up when Lowry hit his second after a one-on-one with the keeper.

Bache gave Morda some hope when finding the net from close range two minutes before the break, but the Juniors restored their two goal cushion when Duane Upton beat the Morda keeper at the near post 13 minutes after the restart.

Morda's hopes were restored when defender Lloyd too poked the ball home after a free kick but a comeback was thwarted when Upton claimed his second with a low shot that crept into the net.

Solid

Defeat leaves the Weston Road side lying in a modest 11th in the table, with eight points from seven games, and keen to return to winning ways in Saturday's crucial home clash against lowly AFC Bridgnorth Town reserves (3pm).

The following Wednesday Rogers' side travel to Bridgnorth to face the club's first team in Shropshire Challenge Cup action.

WESTON RHYN, lying fifth with 12 points from eight outings in the premier division, continue to prove a tough nut to crack this season after maintaining their solid start with a goalless draw at Wellington Amateur reserves.

They have lost just twice this season, both reverses against the top two teams, and will be out to maintain their good run at Ketley Town on Saturday.

Wellington had plenty of shots at goal, but only a couple forced good saves from keeper Paul Morris who again proved a solid force between the posts.

The Telford hosts had a player sent off 20 minutes from time and Rhyn almost snatched the points late on when Matt Evans was denied by the post.

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Oswestry's FCs Graham Dyke heads towards the Wrockwardine Wood goal during last weekend's Mercain League division one win – see page 47. Picture: Ian Jones.

Welshpool boosted by new faces

WELSHPOOL Town are hoping for brighter times ahead in the Spar Mid Wales League division one this season after bolstering their squad.

The Lilywhites have suffered a mixed start to the campaign, but have moved to bolstered their ranks in recent weeks – while a couple more new signings could also be on the way to Maesydre.

The latest arrivals are full-back Lance Parkes from Guilsfield and central defender Joe Coulson from Morda United, with both players linking up again with boss Russell Cadwallader.

Pool, who were handed a walkover in the first round of the FAW Trophy last week when opponents Talgarth failed to show, return to Spar Mid

Wales League division one duty on Saturday when they host Llandrindod Wells.

The Maesydre side will be out to improve their modest position of 12th in the table, but points could be hard-earned against an in-form Llandrindod side who have won all five league games this term.

High-riding BERRIEW look to maintain their winning ways when they head to LLANSANTFFRAID who would have been lifted by last week's 4-2 win at Dolgellau.

GUILSFIELD, meanwhile, will look to stretch their unbeaten run in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance to five games in Saturday's trip to Caersws. Matt Burton's men managed to sal-

vage a point in last week's 2-2 draw against Flint thanks to an injury time penalty from top scorer Danny Barton.

They are now sixth in the table and looking well placed, but this weekend's clash at the Bluebirds represents a big test of their mettle.

LLANRHAEDR, who remain rooted to the foot of the table after losing 4-0 at Llandudno, again hit the road to North Wales when they visit newcomers Caernarfon who were unbeaten in league action before suffering a surprise loss against Rhydymwyn last week.

The villagers still have their selection problems with George Hughes suspended and Josh Wood an injury doubt.

Promoted Llanfair to face tricky away trip

LLANFAIR United boss Rhys Stephens remains upbeat despite his side's second loss of the Spar Mid Wales League campaign, a 2-1 at home home to Waterloo Rovers.

After making a flying start since their promotion to division one, Llanfair have stalled a little, but Stephens insisted he was not too downcast.

"I'm not too disappointed with the result as we did not play that badly," he said. "It's a different level for us this season, and we're still adapting. It was one of those days, but we'll dust ourselves down and go again."

After a goalless first half, Charlie Proctor put Rovers ahead before Ryan Davies levelled from a Paul Griffiths corner. But Rovers had the last word through Barry Haralambous.

Llanfair face a tricky trip to one of the early contenders Aberaeron on Saturday, while Waterloo travel to Aberystwyth University who are making their first appearance of the season.

It was the second loss in a week for Llanfair who, as holders, bowed out of the Montgomeryshire Cup at the first hurdle with a 3-1 exit to Berriew.

Karl Seliarts gave Berriew the lead and, despite Geraint Jones levelling, they sealed the win with Seliarts's second of the game and Elliot Jones.

Crosses hit road in cup

FOUR CROSSES have been drawn away to Chirk AAA in the third round of the FAW Trophy, one of 32 ties to be played on Saturday, October 26.

The Foxen Manor side earned their ticket with last week's 3-1 win over Bow Street.

WELSHPOOL TOWN, who were given a walkover as visitors Talgarth conceded their tie, have been paired at home to Llangollen Town while high riding BERRIEW visit Venture Community.

In the other tie involving local clubs, DYFFRYN BANW travel to FC Nomads of Connah's Quay.

Ladies are raring to go as league hockey back

AFTER summer changes, Oswestry get their season under way in the North Wales Hockey League when they entertain Bangor University on Sunday (1pm).

A lack of senior players led to the club pulling out of the West Midlands League, and they pool their resources in the North Wales system where the first and second teams will combine.

Meanwhile, a last minute leveller denied Oswestry Ladies who had to settle for a 3-3 draw at Crewe Vagrants II in the Cheshire League division two.

Oswestry went two down, then roaring back to lead 3-2 before being denied with just 30 seconds left.

But they can take heart from their display ahead of Saturday's home match with high flying Golborne.

Two goals behind, the visitors rallied with Jo Campbell reducing the arrears before half-time with a penalty flick. They then levelled after the break when Tracey Royle scored from a short corner and Sandra Jones put them ahead.

Oswestry have adapted well to the higher level, picking up four points from their first three games, with one win, one draw and a defeat.

Eagles fly to big win

OSWESTRY's rugby players moved towards mid-table in the South Lancs and Cheshire Two with a resounding 48-5 home success over Dukinfield.

The Eagles have now won two and lost two, and will be chasing more points when they head to the Wirral on Saturday to take on Port Sunlight who are in the lower regions of the table.

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SAINTS READY FOR TABLE-TOP BATTLE

by John Bridgwater

THE season may only be six weeks old, but The New Saints' top of the table showdown at Airbus UK on Saturday is already shaping up as a potential Welsh Premier title decider.

The two rival camps have quickly emerged leading lights in the chase for the championship, having surged well clear of the rest of the pack in terms of both performance and points.

That was underlined last week with TNS' 6-0 rout of Carmarthen who had arrived at Park Hall in third spot and with plenty of confidence, only to be sent packing by Sam Finley's quickfire hat-trick.

Coach Carl Darlington has played down the importance of this weekend's televised tussle, although he feels victory against the current leaders would put the Saints in good shape to retain their crown.

"At this stage of the season Airbus is not a must-win game for us, but that's not to say that we won't do everything to win it," he said.

Incentive

"Everyone made a big thing when we lost at Prestatyn and drew at Aberystwyth last month, but we are now two points better off than this stage last season.

"We are not great starters to the season, whether it is a hangover from Europe I don't know, but it's normally in the last 10 games that we come strong.

"It wasn't until December that we went top last season, but we've now got a chance of going top this Saturday (on goal difference) which is a great incentive for us.

"We know Airbus will be tough as they're unbeaten and have had a great start, but we can go there with confidence after last week's result against Carmarthen."

TNS will be under no illusions about the size of the task as they have a mixed record at Airbus with five wins, three defeats and two draws in their previous meetings.

However, they emphasised the gulf in class with the rest of the pack with their six-goal hammering of Carmarthen.

Midfielder Chris Seargeant is a doubt with a dead leg picked up last week, while Saturday's match kicks off at 3.45pm as it is being screened live by S4C.

■ After their league clash, The New Saints will also come to face with Airbus in the quarter-final of the Word League Cup later in the month.

Full draw: Cambrian & Clydach v Port Talbot Town, Caersws v Carmarthen Town, Airbus UK v The New Saints, Rhyl v Bala Town. Ties to be played on Tuesday, 22 October.

Ellesmere's Katie win Llanberis stage of Tour



Trophy time – Kate Edge (centre) on the podium after her U16 stage win at the Tour of Britain cycling race

KATIE Edge, of Ellesmere Swim & Triathlon Club, won the under-16 girls cycle race at the Llanberis stage of the Tour of Britain.

Fourteen year old Katie, who attends the Lakelands Academy, Ellesmere, had to compete in a 1.5 mile time trial before winning two

heats to reach the final which she won with a close sprint finish to secure first spot on the winners podium.

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